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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

—OF—

# Ancient, Free <sup>and</sup> Accepted Masons

OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,

—AT—

## SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

—HELD AT—

*Blenheim, 7th August, A. L. 5889 ; Chatham, 27th  
August, A. L. 5889 ; Leamington, 26th May, A. L.  
5890 ; Winchester, 27th May, A. L. 5890 ;  
Dutton, 1st July, A. L. 5890 ; and  
Meaford, 9th July, A. L. 5890.*

—ALSO AT THE—

## THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

**HELD AT THE CITY OF KINGSTON,**

—ON THE—

*16th and 17th July, A.D. 1890, A.L. 5890.*



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# GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

## PROCEEDINGS.

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, in the Town of Blenheim, on Wednesday, 7th of August, A. D. 1889, A. L. 5889.*

### PRESENT :

R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, D. G. M.....	as Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Thos. C. Macnabb, P. D. D. G. M.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson, P. D. D. G. M.....	as Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Bro. A. H. Clarke, D. D. G. M.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. D. Armstrong.....	Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. H. Faust.....	as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. T. L. Pardo.....	as Grand Registrar
W. Bro. W. A. Collins.....	as Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. Hy Watson.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. H. Redebrick.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. Dr. Davis.....	as Grand Superintendent Works.
W. Bro. J. K. Morris.....	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. W. G. Smith.....	as Ass. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. Bro. Robt. Wilkie.....	as Ass. Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. Chas Senior.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. Sandy McVenn.....	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. James Scott.....	as Grand Assistant Organist.
W. Bro. J. S. Upper.....	as Grand Prusuiwant.

### AS GRAND STEWARDS.

Bro. J. H. Langford.	Bro. J. B. Jackson.	Bro. P. Haggart.
Bro. W. E. Amsden.	Bro. V. Hicks.	Bro. W. Packus.
Bro. J. B. Carscallon.	Bro. D. McFarlane.	Bro. John French.
Bro. James Birch.	Bro. S. Stewart.	

Bro. John Nichol.....as Grand Tyler.

and a large concourse of brethren from the lodges of the First and Second Masonic Districts.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form in the Masonic Hall, at Blenheim, at 4.30 p.m., by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master of Canada, who announced that the communication had been summoned for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of Trinity Anglican Church, in the town of Blenheim. The D. G. M. also stated that he had undertaken to perform the ceremony by instructions from the M. W., the Grand Master. The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers being properly clothed, and the necessary directions and instructions given, the lodge was called off, and a procession was formed under the direction of W. Bro. J. K. Morris, acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and headed by the Blenheim Brass Band, marched in the prescribed order, to the site of the church, and the acting Grand Master and officers took their proper positions at the north-east corner of the building.

After appropriate music by the Band, the acting Grand Master addressed the assemblage, numbering about two thousand people, and informed them that at the request of the churchwardens, and by the instructions of the M. W. the Grand Master, an especial communication of Grand Lodge had been called to perform the ceremony of laying the corner stone. The M. W. the Grand Master was, the D. G. M. stated, unable to be present, but had delegated his powers to him, and all being in readiness, he asked the Grand Chaplain to implore a blessing from heaven on the undertaking.

The Grand Superintendent then read the following inscription on the croll, and placed the same in the cavity of the stone.

## In the Name and by the Favor of the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth,

ON THE 7TH DAY OF AUGUST, A. D. 1889,

And of the era of Freemasonry, A. L. 5889, and in the Fifty-third year of the reign of  
our Gracious Sovereign

### Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India and Dependencies in Asia,  
Europe and Africa, Dominion of Canada, Australia, &c.

The Rt. Hon. SIR FREDERICK A. STANLEY, BARON STANLEY OF PRESTON,  
Governor-General of Canada and Vice-Admiral of the same,

The Hon. SIR ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario,

The Rt. Hon. SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD, Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. OLIVER MOWAT, Premier of Ontario,

D. McLACHLAN, Esq., Mayor of the Town of Blenheim.

### The Corner Stone

of the TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

Was laid by R. W. Bro. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Deputy-Grand Master of the Grand Lodge  
of A. F. & A. M. Masons of Canada, assisted by the Grand Officers, together with  
a large concourse of visiting brethren, from the different lodges in the First  
and Second Masonic Districts, in accordance with the ceremonies and  
usages of the Order, which, may the G. A. O. T. U. ever protect  
and prosper.

The Acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial containing the  
coins and other records of Canada in the cavity of the stone,

The Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Bro. Fletcher, then presented  
the Acting Grand Master with an elegant silver trowel, and having  
suitably acknowledged the gift, the ceremony proceeded, and the stone  
was duly laid according to the forms and ceremonies laid down in the  
Book of Constitution.

The Acting Grand Master, R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, then  
delivered the following address:—Rev. Sir, Church Members, and Ladies  
and Gentlemen of Blenheim—Pursuant to the command of our M. W.  
Grand Master, and at the invitation of you, reverend sir, and those  
associated with you in this work of works, we are congregated here in  
Grand Lodge to-day to discharge a duty that is peculiarly acceptable to  
the members of the fraternity of Masons, by laying the foundation or  
corner stone of an edifice, dedicated to the worship of the omniscient,  
omnipresent, and omnipotent Father—the Great and Glorious Architect  
of the Universe. We, as Masons, regret, and I am sure you will join  
with us in our regrets, that the esteemed brother who so faithfully pre-  
sides over the twenty thousand craftsmen of this fair province is not  
able to be with us to-day, for no one is more eminently worthy to take  
trowel in hand and perform the duty that has so happily fallen to my  
lot than M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, the Supreme officer of our great  
brotherhood. He is a brother known to so many of you, a prominent  
and consistent member of your own communion, one to whom we all  
look up with pride, as an exemplar in word and act of the principles  
and precepts upon which our institution is founded. Words fail me  
when I endeavor to express the pleasure that we, as Masons, have in  
contributing by our efforts to place as firmly as on a rock this temple,  
which shall yet contain another of the ten thousand pulpits from which  
will be preached “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace  
and good will towards men.” Occasions of this kind are deemed  
opportune, by the presiding officer of the craft, to refer to the  
principles on which our Order is founded, and in doing so briefly—  
with a care not to weary my listeners—I purpose to vary the general  
rule slightly by pointing out the more immediate connection we, as  
Masons, have in ceremonials of this kind, and I do so because by many  
outside the pale of the brotherhood of Freemasons and its mysteries

may not be looked upon as happily and kindly as the institution deserves. From time immemorial it has been the pleasant and agreeable duty of the craft to take part in the laying of corner stones of public edifices, thus aiding in the advancement of the public weal. Indeed, when we look back to the history of early times we find that the corner stones were laid by the Roman colleges of builders, from whom we claim descent, and these works were accompanied by impressive ceremonies, and an ancient writer, in his description of the rebuilding of the capitol of Rome, well describes the ceremonial, to which that of to-day is similar in import. The symbolism of the corner stone is to us Masons full of significance, for in its form it must be perfectly square, and in its solid contents a cube. Now, the square is to us the symbol of morality, and the cube of truth. This stone is set between the north, the place of darkness, and the east, the place of light, illustrating the Masonic progress from darkness to light, from ignorance to knowledge. The permanency of this chiselled block of granite, this corner-stone, which will remain firm after the building falls into decay, is intended to remind Masons of the sure foundation of eternal life, the corner-stone of immortality, which survives the tomb, and rises triumphant over the grave. And thus the virtues of a Mason—and of all men—must stand the crucial test before being pronounced by the Master Builder of souls to be materials worthy of that spiritual temple, fitted “as living stones for that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” For this work we feel that by right of heredity, we, as Masons, have peculiar claims. When we look down the long vista of the centuries that have gone by, we find that the early edifices, erected and consecrated to the deity, were cut, carved, and hewn out of the original rock by the hands of the Monastic builders, whose work as sculptors and designers we see to-day in the cathedral towers and spires of continental Europe. These societies were succeeded by the fraternities of stonemasons, who as travelling Freemasons journeyed all over Europe, and engaged in the erection of sacred edifices. In turn these associations of men were sought after by the learned in art and science, and the operative feature became distinct from the speculative. It ceased the building of a material temple, and devoted itself to the erection of a spiritual one, and the working tools of the operative became symbols in the work of the speculatives, so that what aided the workman in erecting the building aids us, as Freemasons, in directing the mental faculties, and improving the mind that the Grand Architect has given us. Thus while the 24-inch gauge, or rule, the common gavel, and the chisel, are used by the workman in his calling, to measure, hew, and shapen the stone, we find in these tools great lessons. From the 24-inch gauge we derive a lesson of daily admonition and instruction, for it recalls to our minds the division of the day into 24 hours, and directs us to apportion them to their proper objects, viz., prayer, labour, refreshment, and sleep. From the common gavel we learn that skill without exertion is of little avail, for the heart may conceive and the head devise in vain if the hand be not prompt to execute the design. From the chisel we learn that perseverance is necessary to perfection, that the rough rock receives its fine finish from repeated efforts alone, and that nothing short of indefatigable exertion can induce the habit of virtue, enlighten the mind, and render the soul pure. I might go on at greater length, and give you more extended illustrations, but time will not permit. Our institution is founded on the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, which are built upon the Scriptural teachings of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Our brotherly love extends to all who circle round our altars, and to mankind at large. Our relief

we give, not only to those of our brethren in distress, to the widows and helpless ones, whom it is our pride to think have a claim upon us, but in cases where great disaster has afflicted the world. Truth we exemplify in our sincerity and honesty one with another, and in our search for knowledge. Our faith is in the mercy and promises of the Great Architect; our hope is in that immortality promised to all who shall follow the teachings of the Master, and our charity is in good will and affection one to another. Surely an institution founded on such principles should command the love and respect of the world. Further, let me say to you that Masonry is not, in the accepted sense of the term, a secret society. Its aims and purposes are very much the same as those of the very church with which so many of you are connected. True, we may have a language that is known but to the brotherhood, but, surely, in this way it is well to create union, so that we may thus be enabled to do a greater amount of good. The pickets that guard the outposts of our national militia camps at London, Niagara, and other places in the Dominion, have secret countersigns, and yet we do not for a moment claim that an army is a secret society. No, my friends, we justify our methods by the experience of years, and on the same principle that an organized army is better than a mob, so we maintain that by union we gain strength that enables us to carry into the work of every day life the principles taught us in our lodge-room. As a fraternal organization we, as Masons, may claim honour and dignity. The best men and brightest minds of all lands have their names on our rolls. The kings, emperors, and rulers of the earth have laid down the kingly sceptre to assume the simple gavel of a W. M., which calls the craft together, and in our Motherland the good Victoria has a kindly heart and eye for the fraternity, of which all her sons, and grandsons too, are bright and shining lights. I am afraid that I have worn out our welcome—and yet I feel that I have your pardon—on this, which must be a red letter day in the history of the faithful band of followers of the Master Builder, who watches over us as we journey past life's mile-stones. This day indeed shall carry with it pleasant recollections, and our hope is that—whether within or without the Masonic fold—we may, with charity to all men, remember as we open the Good Book, which lies unfolded on your and our altars, the words of Him who said:—"He that shutteth his ear to the cry of the poor and needy shall cry himself and not be heard."

The procession then reformed and returned to the Masonic Hall, and the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

ATTEST :



*J. J. Maxon*

*Grand Secretary.*

# GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

## PROCEEDINGS.

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall in the Town of Chatham, on Tuesday, the 27th day of August, A.D. 1889, A.L. 5889.*

### PRESENT :

THE GRAND MASTER.

M.W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q.C., on the Throne.

R.W. Bro. A. H. Clarke, D.D.G.M.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Thos. C. Macnabb, P.D.D.G.M.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
R.W. Bro. Wm. Milner, P.D.D.G.M.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
R.W. Bro. Rev. D. Armstrong, D.D.....	Grand Chaplain.
V.W. Bro. Geo. Gott.....	as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. N. J. Bogart.....	as Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. Jas. Birch.....	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. Chas. Dunlop.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. J. S. Upper.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. W. G. Collins.....	as Grand Superintendent of Works.
W. Bro. W. Wilson.....	as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. Bro. J. P. Rutherford, M.D.....	as Assistant Grand Secretary.
Bro. Courtney L. Babcock.....	as Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. Bro. J. B. Carscallen.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Geo. Cowan.....	as Grand Organist.
V.W. Bro. John McCarter.....	Grand Pursuivant.

### AS GRAND STEWARDS.

Bro. John R. Buttsby, D.P.H.	V.W. Bro. H. Watson.	W. Bro. John Davidson.
W. Bro. D. V. Hicks.	W. Bro. Alex. McTavish.	Bro. John Steward.
W. Bro. Thos. Scullard.	Bro. C. L. VonGuten.	Bro. B. Gregory.
W. Bro. H. Faust.	Bro. R. C. Burt.	
Bro. John Robson..	as Grand Tyler.	

Together with Masters, Past Masters and Brethren to the number of about 150, hailing from Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Parthenon, 267, Kent, 274, Sydenham, 255, Tecumseh, 245, Pynx, 312, Highgate, 336, Parvaim, 395, Star of the East, 422, Naphthali, 413, Central, 402, and others.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at two o'clock, afternoon, in the Masonic Hall on Fifth-street. and from thence the brethren marched in procession, preceded by the Town Band, to the site of the proposed building on the corner of Fifth, Sixth and Wellington Streets.

The front of the procession having reached the site, a halt was made, and the ranks opened out and faced inwards, when the M.W. the Grand Master, supported by the Grand Officers, passed through to the corner stone, where a platform had been erected for their convenience.

Prayer having been said by the Grand Chaplain, the acting Grand Secretary read the following scroll :—

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth,**

ON THIS 27TH DAY OF AUGUST, A. D. 1889,

And in the era of Freemasonry, Anno Lucis 5889, and the Fifty-third year of the reign of Our Gracious Sovereign

**Victoria,**

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, and the Dependencies in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, Dominion of Canada, &c., &c.,  
His Excellency, the Rt. Hon. BARON STANLEY OF PRESTON, G.C.B., being Governor-General of Canada,

Hon. SIR ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, K. C. M. G., being Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario,  
 Rt. Hon. SIR JOHN MACDONALD, G. C. B., being President of the Council, and Premier of the Dominion of Canada,  
 The Hon. OLIVER MOWAT, Q. C., being Attorney-General and Premier of Ontario,  
 ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, Esq., M. P., for the County of Kent,  
 Hon. DAVID MILLS, M. P., for Bothwell,  
 JAMES CLANCY, Esq., M. P. P., for West Kent,  
 ROBERT EEROUSSON, Esq., M. P. P., for East Kent,  
 ARCHIBALD BELL, Esq., being Judge for the County of Kent,  
 ROBERT STEWART WOODS, being Junior Judge,  
 JOHN MERCER, Esq., Sheriff County of Kent,  
 SIDNEY J. ARNOLD, Treasurer County of Kent,

#### THE JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE

For the County of Kent.—John A. Langford, Chairman; John Howat, L. E. Vogler, John K. Morris, Thos. L. Pardo, George Johns, T. B. Gillard, John Turner, W. A. Mills, and John A. McGregor.

For the Town of Chatham.—Hugh Malcolmson, John A. Walker, Donald M. Christie, Andrew Northwood, and Manson Campbell.

Architect,—Thomas J. Rutley.

Clerk of the Works,—James C. Fleming.

Contractor,—Brother Courtney L. Babcock.

#### TOWN COUNCIL.

Hugh Malcolmson, Mayor; John Flook, Manson Campbell, John A. Walker, John Wanless, Andrew Northwood, George K. Atkinson, John Carpenter, N. J. Bogart, Donald M. Christie, and O. B. Hulín, Councillors.

John Fissiman, Clerk.

Robert G. Fleming, Treasurer.

### This Corner Stone

Of Harrison Hall, was laid by RICHARD T. WALKEM, Esq., Q. C., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Canada, attended and assisted by the Grand Officers and a large concourse of the Brethren, in accordance with the Ancient usages of Masonry, which may God prosper.

Mr. John A. McGregor, Warden of the County of Kent, then came forward, and on behalf of the Joint Committee, presented the M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q. C., Grand Master, with a beautiful Silver Trowel engraved as follows:

#### PRESENTED TO

RICHARD T. WALKEM, Esq., Q. C., M. W. Grand Master of A. F. & A. Masons of Canada, on the occasion of his laying the Corner Stone of the United City and County Buildings, Chatham, Ont., 27th August, A.D. 1889, A. L. 5889.

HUGH MALCOLMSON, Mayor,  
 JOHN A. MCGREGOR, Warden.

The M. W. The Grand Master, having graciously acknowledged and accepted the gift, the cement was spread and the stone was laid with the usual ceremonies.

The Grand Honors were then given, and the M. W., the Grand Master delivered the following address.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The meeting which takes place here to-day, so far as the Masons are concerned, is a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada, convoked by me, as Grand Master, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of your public court and City buildings, and has been called in response to an invitation issued, as I understand, by your joint committee. Addressing as I do a large number of persons who are not Masons, I know that it occurs to you to ask why it is that men who are not operative Masons should appear in the garb and with the tools of these craftsmen, and why the Masonic body should be peculiarly selected to lay the corner stone of a public edifice. I feel, ladies and gentlemen, that you have a right to ask these questions, and I at the same time, feel perfectly free to give you all the information that you desire. Of course it would be impossible for me in the short space of

time at my disposal, to attempt to give you a history of the origin of Masonry, or to give you all the reasons why it is proper that we should officiate upon this occasion. The Masonic Order is accused of making claims with respect to their origin, of which there is no historical proof. I am not concerned with such claims, for I need only take you back two centuries and ask you to witness with me the birth of the Grand Lodge of England and the transformation of the lodges of operative Masons into an organization called Free and Accepted or Speculative Masons, designed by its founders to serve the noble purpose of knitting mankind together, by the bonds of brotherly love. Into the operative lodges which were then existing in England, the record of whose existence has come down to us, and is well authenticated, many members of ability and eminence had been admitted, in much the same manner, I assume, that eminent men are, as a mark of honour, admitted into the trade guilds of England at the present day. These men were not Masons, and had no connection with Masonry, yet so strong was their influence, that in 1717 they procured the passage by the four lodges of the City of London, of the celebrated resolution transferring the charter of the lodges, and throwing their doors open to men who were not operative Masons. The scheme which the promoters of this organization prepared, was to form a body which should be ultimately co-extensive with the world itself, and to that end they proceeded to lay the foundation upon a broad and liberal basis, taking care at the same time that liberality should not result in the destruction of their structure. With the wisdom of men who were building for all time, the Grand Lodge, in 1717, laid down doctrines and requisitions that have never since ceased for a moment to be the inspiration and guidance of all Masonic endeavour. There is no distinction or nationality recognized by Freemasonry. No man's birth bars against him the doors of the Masonic lodge. There is no difference of religion taken account of by Freemasonry. Provided a man believes in a Supreme Being, and be a man of moral life, no more is sought to be known. Masonry ignores creeds, and does not concern itself with the parcelling out of theological truths. To be a Mason, it is necessary only that a man believe in God, in a divine revelation, live a life as moral as his best endeavor can make it, and believe in further rewards and punishments.

The requisitions of Freemasonry contain other provisions for the governance and good guidance of the order. Although its purpose is to weld mankind together in brotherly love, yet it was from the first plainly impossible that the lodge doors should be thrown open wide to the whole world. Those men were to be excluded who did not possess the attributes needful to make their lives those of good Freemasons. None but men of moral character should enter the lodge.

A Mason must be loyal to his country. Doubts and secret aspersions are sometimes cast on the loyalty of the order. Freemasons have been charged with undermining the established order, with using hidden revolutionary methods against the State. It should be remembered that every one of the Princes of the English royal blood is a Mason, that Sir John Macdonald, the Premier of Canada, is a Mason, and that Lord Stanley is Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Lancashire. Let that refute any suggestion that Masonry is an order which does not stand shoulder to shoulder with all the forces that maintain the throne. Many of the most eminent men in England are Freemasons.

It is said, sometimes, also, that Freemasons adopt the peculiar tenets of the Order as their religion, instead of the orthodox truths of revealed religion. It is wholly untrue and impossible that such should be the

case. A man cannot at once be a Mason and renounce religion. The two stand or fall together.

Forming then their association of four lodges, as they did in 1717, the Freemasons have since spread over all the world. Among them are counted statesmen, judges, scholars and distinguished men in all ranks of life. Freemasonry possesses England, as it holds Scotland, too, and Ireland. In the United States, with a population of 60,000,000, there are 1,000,000 Freemasons. In Ontario one man out of every hundred is a Mason. On the rolls of the Lodges there are 20,000 members in good standing.

If it were put upon me to indicate Freemasonry before the world, I could point to the growth of the Order in England, Ireland, Scotland, the United States and Canada. That would be a sufficient answer.

The growth of Masonry in Ontario alone has been extraordinary. In 1855 about 50 lodges formed the Grand Lodge. To-day the lodges number 355.

It is peculiarly appropriate the corner stone of such an edifice as this should be laid by a body possessed of the antiquity, history and origin which I have mentioned. The principles of Freemasonry are identical in character with those of which this building is a symbol,—the spread of law and of wisely ordered government and civil liberty.

And now one word to the ladies. It may be asked what has Freemasonry ever done for them. Every Mason is bound to protect women, under any conditions that may present themselves. The order distributes every year \$11,000 or \$12,000 in relieving the distress of widows and orphans. This is part of the mission of Freemasonry in the world. I thank the Council of Chatham and of the County of Kent, both on my own behalf and for the Grand Lodge, for having invited me to lay the corner stone of these buildings. It is a great honor but it is an honor which is reflected back from us upon them. For no more appropriate body than the Freemasons, no more appropriate personage than the Master of the Grand Lodge, representing the principles on which the Order is founded, could be chosen to lay this corner stone. I believe that to-day's ceremony is an indication of the spread of Masonry, and my trust is that it will go on increasing, and that the more Masonic odges there are the better men and the better citizens we shall be.

After the ceremony, the procession reformed, and the brethren returned to the lodge room, and Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

ATTEST :



*J. J. Maxon*

*Grand Secretary.*

# GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

## PROCEEDINGS.

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, held at the Town of Leamington, on Monday, the 26th of May, A.D. 1890, A.L. 5890.*

### PRESENT:

R.W. Bro. A. H. Clarke, D.D.G.M.....	as Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. E. Allworth.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
W. Bro. T. McGregor.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. G. C. Foster.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. R. Preston.....	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. James Harris.....	as Grand Treasurer.
Bro. J. A. Fitch.....	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. C. G. Fox.....	as Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. J. F. Sherwood.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro. Geo. Stewart.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. Wm. Coulson.....	as Grand Superintendent of Works.
W. Bro. S. T. Copus.....	as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Bro. Wm. Finck.....	as Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Bro. Hubert Wigle.....	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. Geo. Russell.....	as Grand Pursuivant.

### AS GRAND STEWARDS.

Bro. P. Wilkinson.	Bro. S. Green.	Bro. Wm. Grubb.
Bro. L. Case.	Bro. R. Shanks.	Bro. Cowan
Bro. Jno. Cascadden.....	as Grand Tyler.	

Together with brethren from the following lodges : Leamington, No. 290, Central, No. 402, St. George's, No. 41, Great Western, No. 47, Thistle, No. 34, and Parvaim, No. 395.

Grand Lodge was opened IN FORM in the Masonic Hall at 10 a.m., by the acting Grand Master, who stated the purpose of the gathering, and that he was deputed by the Grand Master to act in his stead.

The brethren formed in procession, headed by the brass band of the 21st Battalion, W. Bro. Bristow bearing the mallet, and Bros. Dr. Drake, J. Peterson, and J. Cunningham bearing a cornucopia with corn and two ewers with wine and oil, and marched to the site of the building, where the stone was laid in the presence of a large assemblage, according to the usual ceremonies. The following scroll was deposited in the cavity of the stone, also a list of officers and members of Leamington Lodge, No. 290, current coins of the Dominion of Canada, notice calling a special communication of Grand Lodge, for the purpose of laying the stone, and a copy of each of the following newspapers : *Toronto Globe, Toronto Empire, Leamington Post, Essex Free Press, Kingsville Reporter, Windsor Record, and Christian Guardian.*

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth,**

ON THE 26TH DAY OF MAY, A. D. 1890, A. L. 5890,  
And in the 54th year of the reign of our Gracious sovereign

**Victoria,**

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India and Dependencies in Europe, Asia and Africa, Dominion of Canada, Australia, &c.

LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON,

Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

Rt. Hon. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

The Rt. Hon. SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD, P. C., G. C. B. Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. OLIVER MOWAT, Premier of Ontario.

M. W. Bro. R. T. WALKER, Q. C., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

R. W. Bro. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. A. H. CLARKE, D. D. G. M. of Erie District.

W. Bro. G. C. FOSTER, Worshipful Master.

Bro. S. G. ROACH, Senior Warden.

Bro. R. S. LAIRD, Junior Warden.

Bro. W. A. PIPER, Secretary.

The Rev. A. J. SNYDER, Pastor of the Methodist Church, Leamington.

Leamington Lodge  
No. 290  
Leamington.

### **This Corner Stone**

Of the Methodist Church, Leamington, was laid by Rt. W. Bro. A. H. CLARKE, D. D. G. M. of Erie District, on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Master,

Assisted by

The Worshipful Master, Wardens, Past Masters, and members of Leamington Lodge, No. 290. There were also in attendance, supporting the D. D. G. M. a large concourse of visiting brethren, and the stone was laid with the usual ceremonies, and usages of the Order. May the G. A. C. T. U. protect and prosper the solemn undertaking.

R. W. Bro. Clarke was presented with a silver trowel suitably inscribed by Geo. A. Morse, on behalf of the trustees of the church.

After an address to the people assembled by R. W. Bro. Clarke, the procession reformed and marched to the hall where Grand Lodge was closed *in form*.

ATTEST :



*J. J. Maxon*

Grand Secretary.

# GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

## PROCEEDINGS.

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, held at the Village of Winchester, on Tuesday the 27th May, A. D. 1890, A. L. 5890.*

### PRESENT:

- R. W. Bro. Lt.-Col. W. H. Jackson, D.D.G.M., Acting Grand Master.  
 W. Bro. Robt. Reddick, M.D. as Deputy Grand Master.....Henderson No. 333.  
 W. Bro. Oliver Bascom..... as Grand Senior Warden .....Mt. Zion No. 28.  
 W. Bro. Miles Brown, M.D.... as Grand Junior Warden..... Chesterville No. 320.  
 R. W. Bro. Robt. P. Leslie..... as Grand Chaplain.....Mt. Zion No. 28.  
 W. Bro. T. A. Thompson..... as Grand Treasurer.....Friendly Bros. No. 143.  
 W. Bro. Samuel Henry..... as Grand Registrar.....Mayville No. 418.  
 W. Bro. Byron Lane..... as Grand Secretary.....Henderson No. 383.  
 W. Bro. J. G. Gillespie..... as Grand Sr. Deacon.....Chesterville No. 320.  
 W. Bro. W. H. Bottom..... as Grand Jr. Deacon.....Mt. Zion No. 28.  
 W. Bro. G. E. Hanna..... as Grand Supt. of Works..... Mt. Zion No. 28.  
 W. Bro. Alex. Cameron..... as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies Henderson No. 383.  
 W. Bro. Thos. Conley..... as Grand Sword Bearer.....Mt. Zion No. 28.  
 W. Bro. Malcolm D. Carther... as Grand Organist .....Maxville No. 418.  
 V. W. Bro. S. B. Fell..... as Grand Pursuivant.....Excelsior No. 142.

### AS GRAND STEWARDS:

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| W. Bro. David Wishart. | W. Bro. John Smith.    | W. Bro. Thos. Watson.   |
| W. Bro. H. W. Moad.    | W. Bro. Thos. Johnson. | W. Bro. Dr. Food.       |
| W. Bro. John Kerr.     | W. Bro. Oscar Fulton.  | W. Bro. John H. Garrow. |
| W. Bro. Wm. Johnson.   | W. Bro. Jno. Bailey.   |                         |
- Together with brethren from other lodges, making a total of one hundred and ten present.

The Grand Lodge was opened *in form* in the Music Hall, at 1 o'clock p.m., by the acting Grand Master, who explained that the communication had been called for the purpose of laying the corner stone of St. Matthias new Anglican Church, and owing to the unavoidable absence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and also the R.W. the D.G.M., he had been authorized to perform the work, which he would undertake with the assistance of the brethren present.

The usual Grand Lodge procession was then formed, and, headed by the Governor General's Foot Guards Band in military uniform, marched to the site where the foundation of the church was being laid, where they were met by the incumbent, Rev. J. A. Shaw, M.A., the Church Warden and Building Committee. After the officers had taken their places on the platform, the Acting Grand Master gave a short address explanatory of the ancient ceremony and the close connection which had always existed between the Church and the craft since the early centuries, which was attentively listened to by a large concourse of people.

The Acting Grand Chaplain, R. W. Brother Robt. P. Leslie then offered up prayer. The acting Grand Superintendent of works, W. Bro. G. E. Hanna, then read the following scroll.

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth,**

ON THE 27TH DAY OF MAY, A. D. 1890,

And of the era of Freemasonry, A. L. 5890, and in the Fifty-fourth year of the reign of Our Gracious Sovereign

**Victor'a,**

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India and Dependencies in Asia, Europe and Africa, Dominion of Canada, Australia, &c., &c.

The Rt. Hon. BARON STANLEY OF PRESTON, G. C. B., being Governor-General of Canada.

The Hon. SIR ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

The Rt. Hon. SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD, Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. OLIVER MOWAT, Premier of the Province of Ontario.

E. C. HICKEY, M. D., M. P., for the County of Dundas.

J. P. WHITNEY, M. P. P., for the County of Dundas.

JOHN S. ROSS, Reeve of the Village of Winchester.

N. W. BEACH, Clerk for the Village of Winchester.

### The Corner Stone

Of St. Matthias' Church, was laid by Lieut.-Col. W. H. JACKSON, D. D. G. M., of Lawrence District, A. F. & A. M. Acting Grand Master for the occasion. Incumbent of St. Matthias' Church, Rev. J. A. SHAW, M. A. Church Wardens, E. J. MORRIS and CARSON BRADLEY. Building Committee, S. L. FORREST, DANIEL EAGER and A. O. COX. Builder, JAMES MAXWELL.

OFFICERS OF HENDERSON'S LODGE, No. 383, A. F. & A. M.:—Bro. Robert Reddick, M. D., W. M., Bro. A. E. Scott, Bro. S. W., Alexander Cameron, J. W., Bro. John Tove, Chaplain, Bro. Peter Hutt, Treasurer, Bro. Byron Lane, Secretary, Bro. W. J. Fraser, S. D., Bro. John Bailey, J. D., Bro. D. Wishart, D. of C., Bro. Allen McIntosh, J. G., Bro. A. S. Shaver, Tyler.

This, with the *Daily Globe, Mail, Empire, Star and Winchester Press* were deposited in the cavity of the stone, after which the Acting Grand Treasurer, W. Bro. T. A. Thompson, deposited the phial containing the various coins of the Dominion.

Mr. S. D. Forrest, on behalf of the Building Committee, then presented the Acting Grand Master with the following address;

To Lt.-Col. Jackson, D. D. G. M., St. Lawrence District A. F. & A. M.

SIR,—The congregation of St. Matthias Church at Winchester, to-day welcome to this village that distinguished society of which you are the official representative.

Founded on the prime principles of the religion of Christ, recommended to us by the memberships of many of our own clergy, and exercising its influence throughout the length and breadth of not only the vast British Empire, but of all Christendom.

The Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons is fitly and appropriately discharging its high functions, when in the person of its chief officer, and with that due and dignified ceremony, which characterizes all its official acts, lays the corner stone of a Christian church.

We beg herewith to present to you, this emblem of the nobility of your order, and with respect and gratitude assure you that this voluntary service you to-day render us must ever associate you personally, as well as officially, with all the hallowed associations which will cluster and accumulate from year to year, under the approving hosts of Heaven, round the very stones to which you lay your hand on this memorable occasion.

C. BRADLEY, }  
E. J. MORRIS, } Church Wardens.

J. ARTHUR SHAW, M. A.  
Incumbent.

The address was accompanied by a solid silver trowel of large size and beautiful workmanship bearing the following inscription:

PRESENTED TO

LIEUT.-COL. JACKSON,

AT THE LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE

ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH,

WINCHESTER, MAY 27TH, 1890.

After a suitable acknowledgment, while the band was playing appropriate music, the grand officers took their respective places at the north-east corner where the hewn stone was suspended by shears and pulley, the cement having been spread by the acting G. M. the stone was lowered, with three stops to its place. The several officers applied their working tools and reported that the craftsmen had done their duty. The Acting Grand Master, giving it three knocks, declared it "Well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty," after which he strewed the corn and poured the wine and oil upon it, repeating the beautiful and impressive ritual during the ceremony, after which the grand honors were

given. The Grand Master then congratulated the incumbent, who, in reply, made a very appropriate and impressive address.

The Grand Lodge then reformed, marched back to the hall, and in response to a request by the Acting Grand Master, contributions to the amount of \$50 by the brethren were given towards the building fund of the church.

The Acting Grand Master thanked the brethren for their generous contributions, their kindness in attending in such large numbers, and for the great assistance rendered by which the ancient land-marks and dignity of the craft had been maintained.

The Grand Lodge was then closed *in form*.

ATTEST :



*J. J. Maxon*

*Grand Secretary.*

# GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

## PROCEEDINGS.

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the Village of Dutton, in the County of Elgin, on Tuesday, the 1st day of July, A.D. 1890, A.L. 5890.*

### PRESENT.

R. W. Bro. W. B. Doherty.....	as Grand Master.
V. W. Bro. Samuel Dubber.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
W. Bro. Robert Jordan.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. N. W. Ford.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. A. C. Crosby .....	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. Frank Else .....	as Grand Treasurer.
Bro. A. N. C. Black .....	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. Dugald McColl .....	as Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. E. G. W. Ling.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. A. Brown.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. D. G. Ruthven.....	as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. Bro. W. H. Nelson.....	as Grand Superintendent of Works.
W. Bro. D. Patterson.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. W. J. Philpott.....	{ as Grand Stewards,
W. Bro. M. McIntyre.....	
W. Bro. D. McIntyre.....	
Bro. C. S. Leitch.....	as Grand Tyler.

Together with a large number of Masters, Past Masters and Brethren from St. Thomas, Iona, Bismarck and other places.

Grand Lodge having been opened *in form*, at eleven o'clock a.m., R. W. Bro. W. B. Doherty stated that he had been requested by the Grand Master to perform the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new Methodist Church about to be erected in Dutton.

A procession was then formed and proceeded to the church, headed by a band of music.

A hymn having been sung by the church choir, the acting Grand Chaplain offered up prayer, after which the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the inscription on the scroll.

### By the Favour of Almighty God

ON THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, A. D., 1890, OF THE CRAFT FREEMASONRY, 5890,  
and in the 54th year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign

### Queen Victoria,

His Excellency LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON.

Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. SIR ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,

Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Rt. Hon. SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD,

Prime Minister of Canada.

The Hon. OLIVER MOWAT, Premier of Ontario.

GEO. ELLIOT CASEY, Esq., Member of the House of Commons of Canada  
for the West Riding of Elgin.

DUGALD MCCOLL, Esq., Member of the Legislative Assembly for Ontario  
for the West Riding of Elgin.

JOHN J. STALKER, Esq., Warden of the County of Elgin.

REV. J. R. GRINDY, President of the London Conference.

REV. E. MIDDLETON, Methodist Minister at Dutton.

M. W. Bro. Richard T. Walkem, Esq., Q.C., Grand Master of Canada.

The corner stone of this Methodist Church was laid by R. W. Bro. W. B. Doherty, D. D. G. M. London District, assisted by an especial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Canada, and a large concourse of Brethren in accordance with the ceremonies and usages of the Order, whom may Almighty God ever protect and prosper."

The scroll was then deposited in a glass jar and placed in the stone together with a collection of coins and copies of the local papers.

After this had been done Rev. L. Middleton stepped forward and on behalf of the Trustees of the Church presented R. W. Bro. Doherty with a beautiful silver trowel with which to perform the ceremony of laying the stone.

On the trowel was the following inscription :

"Presented to R. W. Bro. W. B. Doherty, District Deputy Grand Master of the London (third) Masonic District, by the Trustees of the Church, on the occasion of his laying the corner stone of the new Methodist Church, at Dutton, on 1st July, A.D. 1890."

The acting Grand Master having made a suitable reply, the ceremony was proceeded with.

The stone was then lowered by three regular stops, after which the Grand Junior and Senior Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their offices to the stone, and it was ascertained that the craftsmen had done their duty.

The Acting Grand Master then said :

"Having full confidence, my Right Worshipful Brethren, in your skill in a royal art, it simply remains for me to finish the work." Three knocks were then given on the stone with the gavel. "Well-made, well-proved, truly laid, true and trusty, and may this undertaking be completed by the Craftsmen according to the grand plan, in peace, harmony and brotherly love."

The grand honors were then given nine times by the brethren, after which R. W. Bro. W. B. Doherty addressed the people as follows :

**MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN:** We have assembled here to-day at the request of the minister of this church to lay the foundation stone of this new edifice about to be erected to the service of Almighty God, according to our ancient rites and ceremonies, and it is fit and proper that it should be laid by the oldest of human organizations as well as the only one having a formal ceremony for the laying of corner stones. It is usual for the Grand Master or his representative, on occasions like the present, to address a few remarks to the people on the principles and tenets of the Order.

Freemasonry is the most ancient of human organizations and as such has been traduced more than any other society, but if our craft were not good and our calling honourable, we should not have existed for so many centuries, nor would we find so many celebrated and distinguished men of all ages ranged under our banners.

Masonry is universal; it is confined to no particular country or clime, but is diffused over the face of the habitable globe. It acknowledges no distinction of color, race, or creed. It requires that every man who applies for admission within its portals shall be of lawful age, sound judgment and strict morals. It also requires of any candidate for admission a belief in a Supreme Being, but it does not dictate to any man that he shall subscribe to the doctrines of any particular religious denomination. The charge is sometimes made against the craft by ignorant people that we are an irreligious and godless society. The simple fact that we are here to-day laying the corner stone of this edifice, ought to be a sufficient answer to such a baseless assertion. There are few lodges in this jurisdiction in which there are not to be found ministers of some religious denomination who are active members of the craft. The Bible is always open in a Mason's Lodge, and the newly initiated candidate is always directed ever to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to guide his actions by the Divine precepts which it contains.

As Masons we are bound to be true to the laws of our country, yet we hear it charged that we are disloyal to the state. I need hardly

draw your attention to the fact that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the future ruler of these Dominions, is now and has been for years the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England; that all the sons of Her Majesty the Queen have been Masons; that the Governor-General of this Dominion is a member of the craft.

The newly-made Mason is always enjoined ever to be exemplary in the performance of his civil duties, by never proposing or at all countenancing any act that have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society and to pay due observance to the laws of any state which may, for a time, become the place of his residence. As an individual he is recommended to practice every social and domestic, public as well as private virtue. He is further taught to practice that greatest of virtues, charity; to do all within his power to soothe the afflictions and relieve the distress of all who may be in sorrow, need, or trouble.

As the laying of the corner stone is of primary importance to operative Masons, so to the free and accepted or speculative Mason, it has a special significance, for on his first entrance into the Lodge he is made figuratively to represent that stone and is strongly recommended, on the foundation laid at his initiation, to raise a superstructure, perfect in its parts, honourable to the institution, and creditable to himself.

And now, reverend sir, the ceremony of laying this corner stone being now completed according to the ancient customs and usages of our fraternity, I congratulate you on this auspicious commencement of the work, and as it has been so happily begun, may it be steadily continued and carried to a speedy and successful termination.

The procession was then reformed and returned to the Lodge room, where Grand Lodge was duly closed IN FORM.

ATTEST :



*J. J. Maxon*

*Grand Secretary.*

# GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

## PROCEEDINGS.

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, in the Town of Meaford, on Wednesday, 5th July, A.D. 1890, A.L. 5890.*

### PRESENT:

R.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, D.G.M., Toronto.....	as	Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. J. Nettleton, P. D.D. G.M., Collingwood.....	as	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Jas. McLaughlan, of Owen Sound.....	as	Grand Senior Warden.
V.W. Bro. R. McKnight, of Owen Sound.....	as	Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. R. Strachan, of Meaford.....	as	Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. James Cleland, of Meaford.....	as	Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. James Sparling.....	as	Grand Registrar.
V.W. Bro. D. F. MacWatt, of Barrie.....	as	Grand Secretary.
V.W. Bro. J. D. Hammill, of Meaford.....	as	Assistant Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. A. W. Corley.....	as	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. George Inglis.....	as	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro. Jas. Bowes.....	as	Grand Superintendent of Works.
W. Bro. W. N. Chisholm.....	as	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. Bro. W. J. McFarlane.....	as	Grand Organist.
W. Bro. John F. Matthews.....	as	Assistant Grand Organist.
V.W. Bro. A. Burritt.....	as	Grand Steward.

### AS GRAND STEWARDS.

W. Bro. Hugh Reid.	W. Bro. Ewing Cameron.	W. Bro. Allen Cameron.
W. Bro. John Miller.	W. Bro. H. A. Currie.	W. Bro. John Dickinson.
W. Bro. J. C. Forster.	W. Bro. W. H. Dodson.	W. Bro. George Hair.
	W. Bro. H. H. Burgess.	

Bro. George Brown.....as Grand Pursuivant.

Bro. C. E. Munro.....as Grand Tyler.

R. W. Bro. T. McCarroll, D.D.G.M., of the Ninth Masonic District; R. W. Bro. D. T. Ferguson, D.D.G.M., of the Seventeenth District, and R. W. Bro. R. C. Bruce, D.D.G.M., of the Fifth Masonic District, were also present. The Masters, Past Masters, and Brethren from the following Lodges: Manito, No. 90, Collingwood; Corinthian, No. 96, Barrie; St. George, No. 88, Owen Sound; Pythagoras, 137, Meaford; Beaver, No. 234, Clarksburg; North Star, No. 322, Owen Sound, and Prince Arthur, No. 333, Flesherton, were present, and took part in the proceedings.

The Grand Lodge opened *in due form* at 3 p.m. After the Grand Lodge was opened, the brethren headed by the Meaford band, proceeded to the site of the new High School, where a temporary platform had been erected for their convenience.

An address and silver trowel (the latter suitably engraved) were then presented to the Acting Grand Master by the Rev. Bro. J. H. Fairlie, chairman of the Meaford High School Board, who said:—

*To J. Ross Robertson, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, G.R.C.A.F. & A.M.*

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR,—In presenting you to-day with the accompanying Trowel, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of our "High School Buildings" here, we wish to sincerely thank you for your kindness in consenting to perform the ceremony, and we feel satisfied that, under your direction, the stone will be "well and truly laid." We are much gratified with your presence here, and we feel it no small honour to have among us one of the "Highest Masonic Authorities" of the Grand Lodge of Canada. It is another proof of the well-known interest taken by Masons throughout the world in education. We should be happy to have you regard the emblem given with this address as a visible expression of our best wishes for your personal happiness and prosperity.

Signed on behalf of the Meaford High School Board.

J. H. FAIRLIE, Chairman.

M. ROBINSON,

JAS. DRUMMOND,

PETER FULLER,

CHAS. WATT,

THOMAS MCCARROLL.

The Mayor, Reeve and members of the Town Council were then introduced, and His Worship read the following address:—

*J. Ross Robertson, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, G.R.C., A.F. & A.M.*

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR,—It is our pleasant duty on behalf of the town we represent to express our appreciation and thanks for your kindness in coming here to-day. We heartily welcome your honourable body, the Masonic Grand Lodge of Canada, and would heartily appreciate any further visit. We sincerely hope that the interest in educational matters shown by yourself will have the effect of starting and perpetuating a similar interest here, so that our new High School may be a lasting benefit to this community.

(Signed by the Meaford Town Council.)



J. J. JOHNSTON, Mayor.	
G. P. MCINTOSH, Reeve.	
SAMUEL CARSON, Deputy Reeve.	
JOHN GOWER,	} Councillors.
JOHN DOUGLAS,	
WALTER F. C. ARLIDGE,	
T. C. WILCOX,	
J. D. MCGEE,	
W. W. STEPHENS,	
G. J. CLARKE, M.D.,	
GEORGE SPIKE,	
JAMES RANDLE,	

JNO. ALLEN, Town Clerk.

Dated this 9th July, A.D., 1890.

Rev. Bro. Fairlie then presented the Misses Fuller, Watt, and McCarrall, who, on behalf of the young ladies of the town, presented the acting Grand Master with bouquets of flowers.

The acting Grand Master replied as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman and members of the High School Board. I indeed truly appreciate, and I am sure my fellow-workers in the Craft do also, the kind and pleasant words you have uttered to me, and I have but one regret that our esteemed Grand Master, M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, is unable, through absence from the jurisdiction, to be present. He is the highest Masonic authority in this Province, and were he here, I am sure his appreciation of your courtesy would be even more than mine, if that were possible. I recognize the courtesy which prompted you to invite the Craft to perform this ceremony, and assure you that we are in hearty sympathy with yourselves and your associates in promoting the welfare of the children of the Dominion.

“Mr. Mayor and members of the Town Council: To you I can but reiterate the sentiments I have expressed to the members of the High School Board. It gladdens me to see the gentlemen of the Council take such a lively interest in the cause of higher education, and your welcome, so heartily expressed, gives much pleasure to the officers and members of Grand Lodge, whom you see on this platform. It is one of the agreeable duties to lay with Craft honours the corner-stones of public buildings, and I prize this opportunity of saying to you that it gives us much pleasure to be here; indeed, no invitation that you could possibly extend to the Craft would be more welcome than that of taking part in the erection of a building which denotes the progress of this thriving place.

“Young ladies, I hardly know how to fittingly thank you for your handsome gifts. With due deference to the High School Board and the Town Council, your welcome is the happiest part of this ceremony. My only regret is that the flowers will not retain their fragrance and beauty, but, nevertheless, your bright faces have made a deep impression on my heart—not only on mine, but upon those of the Grand Officers present—and this incident in one day’s work will not only enliven our minds, but encourage us to look well to our laurels in the counties that we hail from, for, if you are examples of those who are climbing

into womanhood in the County of Grey, surely the other parts of our Dominion may well be envious of the fair faces and the sparkling eyes of the girls of this old County. In Upper Canada College—that grand old school, which is, I might almost say, the parent school of the Dominion—the heir to all the antiquity of the famous Grammar Schools of Dr. Strachan—I have always, as an old pupil, taken an active interest, and if I was not as studious as I should have been, I have at least endeavoured to square my conscience by giving prizes each year to the boys in general proficiency, and in order to mark the pleasure that I have in being here to-day, and also as a return for your smiles and greetings I will, with the permission of the High School Board, give the girls and boys of this school, for the first year, two prizes for general proficiency, and possibly, if I am anywhere within call—the Masons, by the way, might arrange an appointment for the same date—I will come to Meaford, and present the prizes to the winners.”

The school children then sang a hymn, after which the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from heaven on the undertaking. The scroll, of which the following is a copy, was then read by the Acting Grand Superintendent of Works, and placed in the cavity.

### **In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of the Universe,**

ON THE 9TH DAY OF JULY, A.D. 1890,

### **The Corner Stone**

of this HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Was laid by JOHN ROSS ROBERTSON, of the City of Toronto, D.G.M., G.L.C., A.F. & A.M.  
Her Majesty Queen

### **Victoria,**

being Sovereign of the British Empire.

His Excellency LORD STANLEY, Governor of the Dominion of Canada.

SIR ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Honorable SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD, Premier of the Dominion.

The Honorable OLIVER MOWAT, Premier of Ontario.

JOHN JAMES JOHNSTON, Mayor of the Town of Meaford.

WILLIAM R. GRAHAM, Architect of the Building.

THOMAS CHAMBERS, Contractor.

In the presence of Rev. John Fairlie, Matthew Robinson, Thomas McCarroll, Peter Fuller, James Drummond and Charles Watt, Trustees, and A. McK. Cameron, Secretary of the Meaford High School. The Members of the Meaford Town Council. The Trustees of the Meaford Public School, and a large concourse of people. Amongst them the pupils of the Sunday and Public Schools of Meaford, and the pupils of the Sunday Schools of the surrounding country.

Signed, { JOHN ROSS ROBERTSON,  
                  JOHN FAIRLIE, Chairman Board.  
                  PETER FULLER, Chairman Build. Com.

The acting Grand Treasurer placed various silver coins, together with copies of the *Toronto Globe*, *Mail*, *Empire*, *World* and *Meaford Mirror* and *Meaford Monitor* in a tin box, which was placed in the cavity.

The cement having been spread upon the corner stone, the upper stone was lowered, and after the customary ceremonies the Deputy Grand Master applied the square, when the acting Grand Master finished the work by declaring it was “well made.” “truly laid,” “well proved, true and trusty,” and the acting Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing, at the conclusion of which the public grand honours were given by the brethren.

The Superintendent of Works then presented the plans, which were approved of by the acting Grand Master, and presented to the architect, Mr. Wm. R. Graham. The building was then handed over to the High School Board for completion.

R. W. Bro. Robertson, the acting Grand Master, then delivered the following address :

I can assure you—the members of the High School Board of Meaford, and you, ladies and gentlemen, who have honored this ceremony with your presence to-day—that it is with pleasure that we, the Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of Canada, in Grand Lodge Assembled, appear here in response to your invitation.

We are here to further an object that is dear to all Canadians by aiding in the erection of an edifice, within the walls of which the boys and girls of this fair Dominion shall receive that mental training which is to fit them for the larger life waiting for them at the end of their school days. A few years must bring them into manhood and womanhood, and they will fall into the ranks of agriculture, commerce, or the professions, or as wives and mothers, will do what they can by lives of integrity and industry to forward the cause of good. We, as Masons, are proud to be here. Our fraternity is identified with all that tends to promote the cause of education. As Masons, we view the Public School as an institution endeared to us by its attachment to the Masonic principles of equality. For, within its walls, as on the checkered floor of our Lodge rooms, the inequalities of social rank and wealth are forgotten, and all meet upon a common level.

It was a generous and timely compliment to ask our co-operation in this pleasant task. We deem it a privilege, and esteem it a duty, to aid our fellowmen in this good work, the more especially as in the education of the youth of a country the fraternity of Masons is peculiarly interested.

When we look at the motherland across the sea in dear old Britain we find stately schools erected for the education of the children of Craftsmen who passed away. The United Grand Lodge of England, the most influential and generous of any Masonic body in existence—the mother Grand Lodge of the world, has under its care a boys' school and a girls' school, which have been the means of sending into the world hundreds of boys and girls, trained to fight the battle of life and reflecting credit on their sires—the fathers and mothers of the land we love so well.

In this country, as well, we can point to the interest our Craft has taken in education. Many of our lodges to-day are aiding in the instruction of children—orphans of our departed brethren—and, in my researches in the Craft lore of our Fraternity, I find that away back in the days of 1820 one of our lodges at Bath took an active part in and largely contributed to the education in that ancient town, on the shores of the Bay of Quinte; and, of a truth, some of the brightest minds that ever graced the bench or bar came from that historic section of Canada. And can we not look back with pride to the progress which education has made in Canada from the days of the old log school, when the master supplemented his endeavours to impart instruction by the aid of switches or gads cut from the beeches surrounding the building, down to this era of magnificent edifices and perfected methods of instruction?

This morning I placed in my "grip," a copy of the Government report for 1875-1889. The latter contains the record for 1888. It was enlivening reading, and as the train (you all know the train on the Northern Division of the Grand Trunk) leisurely climbed the Oak Ridges and crawled past the blue waters of Lake Simcoe on its way to your thriving place, I mentally noted a few figures. In 1888 there were 115 High Schools in Ontario, and six new schools were added last year. While in 1875 there were about 8,800 pupils, in 1888 there were 17,800, or an increase of over 100 per cent. in thirteen years. It is really marvellous the impetus given to higher education in this country. When High Schools were established the sustenance was derived from a small

government grant, with fees and voluntary support of the municipalities ; for the trustees had no power to tax the people. Then, in 1871 authority was given to the Boards to levy taxes, and County Councils were required to grant annually to each High School a sum equal to half the Government grant, and a few years later an amount equal to the Government grant. This increased and gave them a great impetus, which was much strengthened when the system of payment by results was established in 1876, and the amount of Provincial and County grants became largely dependent upon the average attendance of those pupils who passed the departmental half-yearly examinations. This system of examination was found to place the masters and pupils under too great a strain in the race for money, and the plan of payment was modified. One might have expected a relapse in the interest, but, on the contrary, it steadily increased, and the figures, I have quoted are high testimony to the efficiency of this plan of education.

A friend of mine on the train to-day said that he often heard the complaint made that the High Schools are for the "classes rather than for the masses," and this charge is often made by people who if they had to rely on their own means would be quite unable to give their children more than the merest rudiments of an education. The High School is really the poor man's college, and furnishes to his child, even at his very door, either free or at a nominal cost, the true and effective means whereby he may raise himself to a level with the child of the wealthiest parent in the community, and prepare himself to fill and to adorn the proudest positions in the land. The true work of our High Schools is not to separate the high from the low, but to break down all distinctions not based on merit, dragging not the highest down but lifting the lowest up. That the work done in High Schools commends itself to the people is abundantly proved by the marked increase in the aid given to these schools, which increased from \$320,000 in 1875 to \$637,000 in 1888, or nearly 100 per cent. in thirteen years, or \$35 per pupil.

To refer now for a moment to the Masonic significance of this ceremony. The symbolism of the corner stone, when laid by the hand of the craft, is full of import and significance as regards its form, its situation and its permanence. In form it must be square on its surface and in its solid contents a cube. The square is to us a symbol of morality, and the cube of truth. We place this stone between the north, the place of darkness, and the east, the place of light, symbolizing the Masonic progress from darkness to light, from ignorance to knowledge. Surely, this is a happy symbol. May it not be our idle-day dream, that those who reach after learning within the walls of this school may be taught to lead lives of purity and morality, may keep the truth as a guide ever before them, and, grasping the opportunity the teachers provide, advance to knowledge from the natural imperfections of youth. Ambition can pilot them into paths of knowledge, which shall lead them upward and on in the journey of life. We use corn, wine, and oil—all elements of Masonic consecration—peculiarly fitting. In the olden time, in eastern lands, these products constituted the wealth of the people, the support of life, and the means of refreshment, and the Psalmist enumerates them as the greatest blessings we enjoy, for it is "wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face shine and bread which strengtheneth man's heart." We, therefore, use corn as an emblem of plenty, wine as an emblem of comfort and cheerfulness, and oil as an emblem of consolation.

Before concluding, I may be permitted, as a Mason and a native Canadian, to express my personal gladness at an opportunity of meet

ing the citizens of your prosperous town. The evidences of success on every hand, and the pleasure of being a humble contributor to the erection of such a substantial token of progress as this building will prove, cheer me. Without invading the field of the politician, and I believe there is one on the platform, I may be permitted to hope that Canada has seen its worst days. For our country, the forward look is the brightest, and I know that you join me in hoping that any doubts and misgivings, that even in the minds of a few may cloud the outlook, will soon fade in the bright reality, which must dawn upon this, the youngest and happiest of nations.

The acting Grand Treasurer then placed on the stone coin for the workmen. R. W. Bro. Robertson, turning to the Rev. Mr. Fairlie said :

"Reverend Sir, having completed our work according to the ancient usages and customs of our fraternity, we congratulate you upon the auspicious commencement of this work, and, as it has been so happily begun, may it be steadily continued and carried to a speedy and successful termination."

Dr. Sproule, M.P. for the county, then made a short address, complimentary of the work, and the progress education was making in Canada. He expressed his pleasure at being present, and was gratified to know that the people of Meaford had shown enterprise and energy in connection with the education of the youth of the town and vicinity.

The proceedings closed by the people singing "God save the Queen," and the Craft procession re-formed, and returned to their Lodge room.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in DUE FORM.

ATTEST :



*J. J. Maxon*

*Grand Secretary.*

## GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

## PROCEEDINGS

*At the Thirty-Fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the City Hall, in the City of Kingston, commencing on Wednesday, the 16th day of July, A. D. 1890, A. L. 5890.*

## PRESENT :

THE GRAND MASTER,

M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q. C., on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson.

R. W. Bro. J. McLaughlan .....	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Michael Walsh .....	Grand Junior Warden,
R. W. Bro. Rev. D. Armstrong, D. D. ....	Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Bro. David McLellan .....	as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. F. M. Morson .....	Grand Registrar.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason .....	Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. John Sutherland .....	Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. D. F. MacWatt .....	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. Wm. Ballantyne .....	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. G. E. Mason .....	as Assistant Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. Jefferson Caverly .....	Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. Bro. J. McCarter .....	Grand Pursuivant.

## GRAND STEWARDS.

V. W. Bro. S. Dubber.	V. W. Bro. R. R. Fulton.	V. W. Bro. W. A. Ferrah.
Bro. E. Ball .....	Grand Tyler.	

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

	District No.	
R. W. Bro. A. H. Clarke .....	1	Erie
R. W. Bro. J. P. Whitehead .....	2	St. Clair
R. W. Bro. W. B. Doherty .....	3	London
R. W. Bro. R. C. Bruce .....	5	South Huron
R. W. Bro. D. H. Hunter .....	6	Wilson
R. W. Bro. John Malloy .....	8	Hamilton
R. W. Bro. Thos. McCarroll .....	9	Georgian
R. W. Bro. Wm. Jaques .....	10	Niagara
R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf .....	11	Toronto
R. W. Bro. W. R. Howse .....	12	Ontario
R. W. Bro. P. J. Lightburne .....	13	Prince Edward
R. W. Bro. H. J. Wilkinson .....	14	Frontenac
R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson .....	15	St. Lawrence
R. W. Bro. David Barr .....	16	Ottawa
R. W. Bro. D. T. Ferguson .....	17	Algoma

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

## FROM GRAND LODGE OF

R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler .....	Arkansas.
R. W. Bro. John Creasor .....	British Columbia.
R. W. Bro. J. E. Traves .....	Delaware
M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson .....	District of Columbia.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason .....	Florida.
R. W. Bro. David McLellan .....	Georgia.
M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry .....	Greece.
R. W. Bro. David McLellan .....	Illinois.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason .....	Kansas.
M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry .....	Kentucky.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Smeaton .....	Maryland.
R. W. Bro. J. F. H. Gunn .....	Michigan.
R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford .....	Mississippi.
R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson .....	Montana.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Patterson .....	Nevada.
R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson .....	North Carolina.
R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar .....	North Dakota.
R. W. Bro. David Taylor .....	Oregon.
M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem .....	Peru.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray .....	Prince Edward Island

M. W. Bro. Otto Klotz.....	Saint Domingo.
R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone.....	South Dakota.
R. W. Bro. John Walsh.....	United States of Columbia.
R. W. Bro. De Witt H. Martyn.....	Vermont
R. W. Bro. William Gibson.....	Victoria.
M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson.....	Virginia.
M. W. Bro. Otto Klotz.....	Washington Territory.
R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding.....	West Virginia.
R. W. Bro. Thomas Sargant.....	Wisconsin.

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

PAST GRAND MASTERS :—M. W. Bros. Daniel Spry, Otto Klotz, Hugh Murray and Henry Robertson.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS :—R. W. Bros. W. L. Hamilton, J. Menish, T. Wilkinson, A. L. Riddell, Wm. Gibson, Geo. Russell, S. S. Lazier, A. McGinnis, L. H. Henderson, Donald Ross, J. B. Traves, J. M. Gibson, R. Radcliffe, W. F. Miller, W. G. Reid, L. Slater, R. B. Hungertford, J. B. Nixon, J. C. Hegler, D. S. Rupert, J. W. Coy, De Witt H. Martyn, W. Waddington, T. Sargant, James Smith, J. H. Burritt, W. R. White, J. F. H. Gunn, R. McCaw, R. Longmore, R. H. Preston, Wm. Rea, David Taylor, John Scoon, C. R. Church, F. Welch, R. M. Stuart, R. Mahoney, Wm. Sineaton, John Creasor, E. T. Malone and J. E. Harding.

PAST GRAND SENIOR WARDENS :—R. W. Bros. E. Plant, R. L. Patterson, G. R. Van Zant, Allan McLean, J. A. Wills and David McLellan.

PAST GRAND JUNIOR WARDENS :—R. W. Bros. W. A. Gunn, W. J. Simpson, James Greenfield, John Walsh, J. S. Dewar, Hugh Walker, W. A. Green and G. G. Rowe.

PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN :—R. W. Bro. Rev. John Gallagher.

PAST GRAND REGISTRARS :—R. W. Bros. D. Derbyshire, H. A. Mackay, W. C. Wilkinson, R. L. Gunn, F. C. Martin and G. J. Bennett.

PAST GRAND SENIOR DEACONS :—V. W. Bros. Geo. Tait and F. F. Manley.

PAST GRAND JUNIOR DEACONS :—V. W. Bros. Le F. A. Maingy and J. McLean Stevenson.

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF WORKS :—V. W. Bros. F. Rowland and C. F. Mansell.

PAST GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES :—V. W. Bros. J. Walters and Alex. Patterson.

PAST ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY :—V. W. Bro. Geo. E. Mason.

PAST ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES :—V. W. Bros. J. Parker Thomas and B. Paine.

PAST GRAND SWORD BEARER :—V. W. Bro. J. A. Cowan.

PAST GRAND ORGANIST :—V. W. Bro. L. Secord.

PAST ASSISTANT GRAND ORGANIST :—V. W. Bro. G. Gott.

PAST GRAND PURSUANT :—V. W. Bro. S. Davison.

PAST GRAND STEWARDS :—V. W. Bros. J. P. Thompson, W. A. Woolson, R. McKnight, W. F. Miles, G. E. R. Wilson, S. B. Fell, J. R. Dargavel, W. M. Baillie, Alex. Hess, Isaac Huber, Ichabod Baker and J. Quigg.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge, W. Bro. W. M. Drennan, the Mayor of Kingston, was announced, introduced, and presented the following

## ADDRESS :

*To R. T. Walkem, Esq., Q. C., Grand Master, and the other Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, of Canada :*

SIRS,—As Mayor of the City of Kingston, I on behalf of its Council and citizens extend to you a most sincere and hearty welcome on this fourth occasion of your coming among us for the purpose of holding your Annual Meeting.

The old Limestone City, so beautifully situated at the junction of Lake Ontario and the River St. Lawrence is built upon what was formerly the site of Cataraqui where the brave and sagacious Count de Frontenac established a fur depot and trading post. About the close of the American war of Independence a party of United Empire Loyalists who had relinquished their belongings and left their homes in the United States rather than forsake their allegiance to Great Britain, established the first permanent British settlement of Kingston. The conservative loyalty which so pre-eminently distinguished these settlers, is to-day, I am delighted to say, a very prominently marked characteristic of our citizens, who, to speak in Masonic parlance, "Ever remember that nature has implanted in their breasts a sacred and indissoluble attachment to that country from which they derive their birth and infant nurture." While we are justly proud of being the descendants of such illustrious ancestors, and the citizens of no mean city, at the same time it is a source of pleasure and congratulation to us to know that we form no unimportant part of that great commonwealth, our beloved and magnificent Dominion of Canada, throughout the length and breadth of whose domain civil and religious liberty is the birth-right of citizenship, and fealty to the Crown and attachment to British Institutions are unmistakably evidenced by her enlightened, progressive and happy people." Enjoying these privileges and actuated by such sentiments I am glad to meet you here as Canadians representing almost every portion of Ontario. As a humble member of the craft it is none the less

gratifying to me to extend the right hand of fellowship to you as brethren, inasmuch as I am persuaded that from whatever part of our fair land you may hail, you all unite in maintaining the supremacy of the law, and upholding constituted authority, in paying due deference to Church and State, in endeavoring to be happy yourselves and in communicating that happiness to others, whether inside or outside the pale of your ancient and honorable order. Before concluding let me assure you that we deem it a very high honor to have you again with us, and further, that it shall be our earnest desire and hearty endeavor to make your visit as pleasant and enjoyable as possible.

(Signed) W. M. DRENNAN,  
Major.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form* at 11 a.m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon all the proceedings.

The Board of General Purposes, as required by the Constitution, appointed R. W. Bros. R. B. Hungerford, J. A. Wills and F. Welch a committee on the Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, who reported the following as being present:—

- No. 2. *Niagara, Niagara.*  
R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Proxy.
- No. 3. *The Ancient St. Johns, Kingston.*  
W. Bro. W. H. Macnee, W.M.; Bros. R. W. Garrett, S.W.; W. J. Wilson, J.W.; M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem; R. W. Bros. W. A. Gunn, Edwin Plant, W. L. Hamilton, H. J. Wilkinson; V. W. Bro. John Sutherland; W. Bros. John Kinghorn, R. M. Horsey, H. J. Saunders, J. G. King, John Waddell, Geo. Greggan and Adam Gilchrist, P.M's.
- No. 5. *Sussex, Brockville.*  
R. W. Bro. D. Derbyshire, W.M.; R. W. Bros. W. H. Jackson, W. J. Simpson, J. Menish, Thos. Wilkinson and A. L. Riddel; and V. W. Bro. J. Quigg, P.M's.
- No. 6. *Barton, Hamilton.*  
W. Bro. J. Ferres, W.M.; R. W. Bros. Wm. Gibson, Geo. Russell and Hugh A. Mackay; V. W. Bro. G. E. Mason; W. Bro. J. Hoodless, P.M's.
- No. 7. *Union, Grimsby.*  
W. Bro. David Sykes, W.M.
- No. 9. *Union, Napanee.*  
W. Bro. S. C. Warner, W.M.; Bro. W. F. Gerow, J.W.; V. W. Bro. James Walters, P.M.
- No. 10. *Norfolk, Simcoe.*  
W. Bro. J. C. Boyd, P.M., Proxy; W. Bros. G. F. Counter and E. G. Wills, P.M's.
- No. 11. *Maira, Belleville.*  
W. Bro. Wesley Lattimer, W.M.; R. W. Bros. S. S. Lazier and L. H. Henderson; V. W. Bro. J. P. Thompson; W. Bros. Wm. Doctor and John Newton, P.M's.
- No. 15. *St. George's, St. Catharines.*  
W. Bro. Geo. Burch, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 16. *St. Andrew's, Toronto.*  
W. Bro. A. R. Macdonald, W.M., R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson; V. W. Bro. Geo. Tait and W. Bro. Daniel Rose, P.M's.
- No. 17. *St. John's, Cobourg.*  
Bro. R. J. Craig, S.W.; R. W. Bro. P. J. Lightburne, P.M.
- No. 18. *Prince Edward, Picton.*  
W. Bro. E. A. Morden, W.M.; R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, and W. Bros. Wm. Smeaton and Hiram Welbanks, P.M's.
- No. 20. *St. John's, London.*  
W. Bro. H. T. Ford, W.M.
- No. 21a. *St. John's, Vankleek Hill.*  
W. Bro. S. D. Grant, W.M.
- No. 22. *King Solomon's, Toronto.*  
Bro. W. A. Lyon, S.W.; M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry; R. W. Bros. David McLellan and J. Ross Robertson, P.M's
- No. 24. *St. Francis, Smith's Falls.*  
W. Bro. T. H. Johnston, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 25. *Ionic, Toronto.*  
W. Bros. G. S. Ryerson, W.M.; R. W. Bros. David McLellan, F. M. Morson and Wm. Roaf; and V. W. Bro. F. F. Manley, P.M's.
- No. 26. *Ontario, Port Hope.*  
Bro. J. W. Quinlan, S.W.; R. W. Bro. J. B. Traves, P.M.
- No. 27. *Strict Observance, Hamilton.*  
W. Bro. J. E. Pointer, W.M.; R. W. Bros. J. J. Mason, R. L. Gunn and J. M. Gibson, P.M's.

- No. 30. *Composite, Whitby.*  
W. Bro. C. Johnson, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. R. Howse and W. Bro. A. M. Ross, P.M's.
- No. 31. *Jerusalem, Bowmanville.*  
W. Bro. T. H. Spry, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 32. *Amity, Dunnville.*  
R. W. Bro. Wm. Jaques, Proxy.
- No. 33. *Maitland, Goderich.*  
R. W. Bro. R. Radcliffe, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 34. *Thistle, Amherstburg.*  
V. W. Bro. Geo. Gott, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 37. *King Hiram, Ingersoll.*  
Bro. J. P. Boles, S. W.; R. W. Bro. M. Walsh, V. W. Bro. W. A. Woolson and W. Bro. John Podmore, P.M's.
- No. 39. *Mount Zion, Brooklyn.*  
W. Bro. C. Campbell, P.M.
- No. 40. *St. John's, Hamilton.*  
W. Bro. Wm. Birrell, W. M.; Bro. John Moodie, J. W.; R. W. Bros. John Malloy, W. F. Miller, and W. G. Reid, and W. Bro. T. McCallum, P.M's.
- No. 41. *St. George's, Kingsville.*  
R. W. Bro. A. H. Clarke, Proxy.
- No. 42. *St. George's, London.*  
W. Bro. E. Burke, P. M., Proxy; W. Bros. A. B. Munson and T. H. Brunton, P.M's.
- No. 43. *King Solomon's, Woodstock.*  
W. Bro. A. McGachie, W. M.; W. Bro. J. W. Rippon, P. M.
- No. 44. *St. Thomas, St. Thomas.*  
V. W. Bro. S. Dubber, W. M.; R. W. Bros. L. Slater and W. B. Doherty, P.M's.
- No. 45. *Brant, Brantford.*  
Bro. S. F. Passmore, S.W.
- No. 46. *Wellington, Chatham.*  
W. Bro. James Birch, W. M.
- No. 47. *Great Western, Windsor.*  
W. Bro. T. McGregor, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. F. Miller, P.M.
- No. 48. *Madoc, Madoc.*  
W. Bro. John W. Blair, W.M.; V. W. Bro. Jefferson Caverly, P.M.
- No. 50. *Consecon, Consecon.*  
R. W. Bro. P. J. Lightburne, Proxy.
- No. 52. *Dalhousie, Ottawa.*  
W. Bro. J. H. Salmon, W.M.; Bro. G. S. May, S.W.
- No. 56. *Victoria, Sarnia.*  
W. Bro. Robt. Kerr, W.M.
- No. 57. *Harmony, Einbrook.*  
W. Bro. John Hoodless, Proxy.
- No. 58. *Dorie, Ottawa.*  
Bro. James Smeaton, S.W.
- No. 61. *Acacia, Hamilton.*  
Bro. W. G. Townsend, S.W.; M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, P.M.
- No. 63. *St. John's, Carleton Place.*  
W. Bro. Frank Donald, W.M.
- No. 64. *Kibetuning, London.*  
W. Bro. W. H. Morgan, W.M.; R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungertford, P.M.
- No. 65. *Rehaboam, Toronto.*  
W. Bro. W. J. Graham, W.M.; Bros. John S. Ballantyne, S.W., A. Macbean, J.W.; R. W. Bros. James Greenfield, J. B. Nixon and R. L. Patterson; W. Bros. M. Gibbs and Wm. Bain, P.M's.
- No. 66. *Durham, Newcastle.*  
W. Bros. D. Allin, W.M.; Jas. Parker, P.M.
- No. 68. *St. John's, Ingersoll.*  
W. Bro. W. A. Sinclair, W.M.; R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, P.M.
- No. 69. *Stirling, Stirling.*  
W. Bro. John Shaw, W.M.; Bro. W. Vanderod, J. W.
- No. 73. *St. James, St. Marys.*  
R. W. Bro. D. S. Rupert, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 74. *St. James, Maitland.*  
W. Bro. J. W. McEathron, Proxy.
- No. 75. *St. John's Toronto.*  
W. Bros. R. B. Harcourt, W.M., Thos. Hills, P.M.
- No. 76. *Oxford, Woodstock.*  
W. Bro. Warren Totten, W. M.; R. W. Bros. F. C. Martin and D. H. Hunter; V. W. Bro. R. R. Fulton, W. Bro. James Sutherland, P.M's.
- No. 77. *Faithful Brethren, Lindsay.*  
W. Bro. J. D. Graham, P.M., Proxy.

- No. 78. *King Hiram, Tilsonburg.*  
W. Bro. J. C. Boyd, Proxy.
- No. 81. *St. John's, Mount Brydges.*  
W. Bro. V. P. Dawson, W.M.
- No. 82. *St. John's, Paris.*  
W. Bros. J. H. Fisher, W.M.; P. H. Cox, P.M.
- No. 83. *Beaver, Strathroy.*  
W. Bro. James Ferguson, W.M.
- No. 86. *Wilson, Toronto.*  
W. Bro. G. K. M. Clarke, W.M.; R. W. Bro. Thos. Sargant; V. W. Bro. A. Patterson; W. Bro. R. Oliver, P.M's.
- No. 87. *Markham Union, Markham.*  
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W. Bro. J. M. Stewart, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 394. *King Solomon's, Thamesford.*  
R. W. Bro. M. Walsh, Proxy.
- No. 395. *Parcain, Comber.*  
W. Bro. G. C. Foster, Proxy.
- No. 396. *Cedar, Warton.*  
W. Bro. James Walmsley, P.M.; Proxy.

- No. 397. *Leopold, Brigiden.*  
W. Bro. R. Kerr, Proxy.
- No. 400. *Oakville, Oakville.*  
V. W. Bro. W. A. Ferrah, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 401. *Craig, Deseronto.*  
W. Bro. Rev. R.J. Craig, P.M.
- No. 402. *Central, Essex Centre.*  
W. Bro. A. S. Scott, W.M.; R. W. Bro. A. H. Clarke, P.M.
- No. 403. *Windsor, Windsor.*  
W. Bro. J. S. Edgar, W.M.; W. Bros. Geo. D. Adams and J. D. Morgan, P.M's.
- No. 404. *Lorne, Tamworth.*  
W. Bro. J. H. McLaughlin, W.M.; W. Bro. J. M. Smith, P.M.
- No. 406. *The Spry, Fenelon Falls.*  
R. W. Bro. W. R. Howse, Proxy; W. Bro. J. W. Allan, P.M.
- No. 408. *Murray, Beaverton.*  
W. Bro. F. S. King, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 409. *Golden Rule, Gravenhurst.*  
W. Bro. John C. Davidson, W.M.; Bro. A. P. Cornell, S.W.
- No. 410. *Zeta, Toronto.*  
W. Bro. W. R. Cavell, P.M., Proxy; R. W. Bros. G. J. Bennett, G. G. Rowe, T. Sargent and J. Ross Robertson, and V. W. Bro. C. F. Mansell, P.M's.
- No. 411. *Rodney, Rodney.*  
R. W. Bro. A. H. Clarke, Proxy.
- No. 412. *Keystone, Sault Ste. Marie.*  
W. Bro. J. A. Fraser, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 413. *Naphtali, Tilbury Centre.*  
W. Bro. James Birch, Proxy.
- No. 414. *Peguanga, Rat Portage.*  
R. W. Bro. D. T. Fergusen, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 416. *Lyn, Lyn.*  
W. Bro. C. W. Bulloch, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 417. *Keewatin, Keewatin Mills.*  
R. W. Bro. D. T. Ferguson, Proxy.
- No. 418. *Maxville, Maxville.*  
W. Bro. Samuel Henry, W. M.
- No. 419. *Bismarck, Point Edward.*  
W. Bro. G. A. Mitchell, W.M.
- No. 420. *Nipissing, North Bay.*  
W. Bro. W. H. Burgess, W.M.
- No. 421. *Scott, Grand Valley.*  
W. Bro. R. R. Hopkins, P. M., Proxy.  
*U. D. Doric, Pickering.*  
W. Bro. C. Campbell, W.M.

The M.W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing, as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of proceedings at the last Annual Communication, when

It was moved by R.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

*Resolved*—That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its Thirty-Fourth Annual Communication, held at the Town of Owen Sound, on 17th and 18th days of July, A.D. 1889, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to Subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read and be now confirmed, and that the minutes of the several Special Communications of Grand Lodge, entered by the Grand Secretary in the Minute Book, be taken as read, and are hereby confirmed.

#### GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master delivered the following address to the brethren assembled in the Grand Communication :

*Brethren of the Grand Lodge*.—I am led to believe from what I have heard, that your selection of Kingston—my home—as your place of meeting this year was intended in some measure as a compliment to myself. However this may be, I am heartily glad to have the opportunity of meeting you here. Kingston undoubtedly possesses many

attractions, both for the lover of natural beauty and the student of history. It has played an important part in the events of bygone times, and is at this day an important educational, manufacturing, and commercial centre. I trust that your visit to the "Limestone City" will be both pleasant and profitable.

The primary object of the address which is annually given by your Grand Master, I take to be, to give you a succinct statement of those matters of interest to the Craft which have occurred within our jurisdiction during the preceding year. Sometimes questions of absorbing interest arise respecting which the Grand Master is required to express his views and to vindicate any action he may have taken: but generally in our own jurisdiction the address of the Grand Master has to deal only with the ordinary events which occur in a well-ordered community. From my own observation, and the admirable reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters which have been laid before me, I feel justified in stating that the Masonic year which is just passing away, though barren of remarkable events, has been one of great prosperity. I only repeat what I said last year when I congratulate you, brethren, on the sound and healthy state of your affairs and your freedom from disturbing influences. There are some persons who seem to think that progress must necessarily be attended by convulsion and unrest. But the Ancient Charges tell us that Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace and been always injured by war, bloodshed and confusion; and though these dicta were intended to apply to the political condition of a country, the principles they express are equally applicable to the domestic government of the Craft. Quietude does not imply stagnation, but is both consistent with and conducive to substantial well-being and progress.

We must always bear in mind, brethren, that our prosperity and strength as a body are affected by our conduct as individuals and as members of our lodges. If this be exemplary, if in our lodges and in our individual lives we practise the principles taught us, then we need have no apprehension as to the success of our organization as a whole. I cannot too strongly impress upon you the duty of forbearance and self-denial in dealing with each other, and the absolute necessity for loyal submission to the decisions of those tribunals which have been established for the settlement of differences which may occasionally occur. Let us remember that we are taught that a Freemason's Lodge is the temple of peace, harmony, and brotherly love, and that nothing is allowed to enter it which has the remotest tendency to disturb the quietude of its pursuits; that there is no liberty without the supremacy of the law, and no real greatness without self-denial. If each brother remembers and practises these sublime precepts we shall hear no more of petty differences; the aim of each will be to excel his brother in the practice of that broad charity, and brotherly love which is taught us by our Divine Master, and the cultivation of which is the great object of our existence.

#### DEATHS.

It is with deep sorrow, brethren, that I record the death during the past year of R.W. Bro. Macpherson, of Owen Sound, familiarly known to all of us as "The Judge." When we met last year at that town, he was prostrated by a severe illness, and though it was plain to all of us who saw him that he was entering the valley of the shadow of death, he complained only of his inability to shew his brethren the hospitality to which his generous nature prompted him. He passed away quietly on the 4th of August last.

"The Judge" was a familiar figure in Grand Lodge. He was Vice-

President of the Board of General Purposes from the year 1872. Beloved by his brethren for his kindly disposition, he was also a most useful member of the Board, and in his capacity of chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, he gave us for many years the benefit of his great experience in Masonic Law. He will long have a place in the memories and affections of his brethren.

We have also to mourn the deaths of the following Grand Lodge Officers:

V.W. Bro. G. M. Richardson, P.G., Steward, on the 2nd September, 1889.

R.W. Bro. John Milne, P.D.D.G.M., Ontario District, on the 27th October, 1889.

R. W. Bro. D. M. Malloch, P.G. Registrar, on the 19th May, 1890.

Provision will, I trust, be made for preserving the memory of these brethren in the usual way.

#### VISITS.

Following out the line of conduct which I had marked out for myself and had pursued during the preceding year, I have, since last we met, paid the following official visits to different parts of the Province. The visits were intended for the brethren in the several districts in which the meetings took place:

I visited Chatham on the 27th August, 1889.

Hamilton on the 20th December, 1889.

Smith's Falls on the 27th December, 1889.

Toronto on the 8th April, 1890.

Barrie on the 9th April, 1890.

Brantford on the 10th April, 1890.

St. Catharines on the 11th April, 1890.

Port Hope on the 15th April, 1890.

And the Lodges in Kingston on three different occasions.

I have to thank the brethren for the cordial and loyal reception accorded me everywhere. I am led to hope, indeed I am quite sure, that these official visits and the addresses which I have given have been productive of good results in many ways. I find that a strong interest has been awakened in the subjects which I have recommended for the consideration and study of my brethren, and that education in Masonic matters is earnestly desired. I am informed that lectures and addresses have been given in many of the lodges, and that on these occasions there has been a full attendance of members. Let the brethren rest assured that the use of the means which I have suggested will tend to make the lodge meetings attractive and interesting, and to check any disposition of members to withdraw from or neglect their lodges.

#### VISIT TO ENGLAND.

On the 24th of May last I left New York for London to pay a visit to the Grand Lodge of England and to confer with leading brethren in the old land respecting matters of importance to the Craft. I was received by the English Grand Lodge and its officers with great cordiality and with the distinction due to my position as your Grand Master. Propriety forbids any attempt to institute a comparison between our own and our Mother Grand Lodge. Indeed, so like are the composition and procedure of the two bodies that while sitting in the Grand Lodge of England I felt convinced that a comparison between them would be impossible.

An opportunity having been given to me of addressing Grand Lodge, I used it for the purpose of acquainting our English brethren with the

origin and history of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the present position and prospects of Masonry in this Province. I am thankful that the task was a pleasant one ; and I was informed that the information which I gave and which was necessarily new to most of the members of English Grand Lodge, was fully appreciated by them, and had surprised many brethren who had but an imperfect idea of the strength of our organization. I found myself perfectly at home among my English brethren, not only in the Grand Lodge, but in the private lodges which I had the opportunity of visiting. Accompanied by R.W. Bro. Ray, of Port Arthur, I was present by invitation at the installation of the officers of the Anglo-American Lodge, and the consecration of the Cornish Lodge recently formed in London. The installation was a remarkable event inasmuch as W. Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, the newly installed Master was the first American made Mason who had been elected Master of an English lodge. The consecration ceremony was very ably and impressively performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, who is as great a favourite with his brethren in England as our own Grand Secretary is with us. I was obliged to decline many hospitable invitations which I received from various lodges, as my stay in England was abridged by the necessity for meeting my own Grand Lodge. I shall ever preserve a pleasant recollection of my visit to my brethren in the motherland, and of the unbounded hospitality accorded to me ; and I should be ungrateful, indeed, if I did not pay a tribute to the excellence of the refreshment which, in England, invariably follows labour in the lodge.

#### NEW LODGES, ETC.

During the past year I have granted dispensations for the formation of the following lodges : Strong Lodge, at Sundridge, Parry Sound District ; St. Clair Lodge, at Port Lambton, Co. of Lambton ; Doric Lodge, at Pickering, Co. of Ontario ; and I have felt it my duty to refuse an application for the formation of a lodge at Thessalon, Algoma District. This application was not recommended either by the District Deputy Grand Master of the District, or by the nearest Lodge ; and I fully agree with them in the reasons given for not concurring in the application. While I have nothing but praise for the District Deputy Grand Masters in dealing with these applications during my term of office, I would suggest to those who may occupy these positions in future that the Grand Master, in granting a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge, must necessarily be guided by the report of the Deputy Grand Master of the District in which the lodge is to be formed, a report which is required by the 256th Section of the Constitution. Great care is required in the performance of the duty of preparing this report, and I would caution District Deputy Grand Masters against giving way to importunity, or reporting in favour of the granting of a dispensation unless the new lodge is clearly needed. Some of our lodges have fallen into decay, and have ceased to do useful work, and I have been so impressed with the necessity for taking action in reference to these that in January last, I instructed the Grand Secretary to issue a circular to the District Deputy Grand Masters requesting them to present special reports in regard to weak or inert lodges in their respective districts. These reports will be placed before you in due course, and I would advise that such action be taken as will result in the revocation of the warrants of such of these lodges as cannot justify their continued existence. The action should, I think, take the form of a summons to shew cause, at next meeting of Grand Lodge, why the warrants should not be recalled. Our warrants should not be allowed to remain in the hands of those who do not appreciate their value.

During the past year the warrants of the following lodges which have ceased to exist, were received by the Grand Secretary.

Ridout, No. 95—Otterville, Co. of Oxford.

Bothwell, No. 179—Bothwell.

Filins Viduæ, No. 180—Adolphustown, Co. of Lennox.

Grafton, No. 308—Grafton, Co. of Northumberland.

Frontenac, No. 363—Cataraqui, Co. of Frontenac.

The first three lodges have been extinct for some time, but their warrants have been received since our last annual meeting.

#### CORNER STONES.

Special Communications have been held during the year for the laying of the corner stones of the following buildings :

Trinity Church (Anglican), at Blenheim, on the 7th August, 1889, R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson officiating as Grand Master.

Harrison Hall, the new Town and County Building at Chatham, on the 27th August, 1889, the Grand Master officiating.

The Methodist Church, at Leamington, on the 26th May, 1890, R. W. Bro. A. H. Clarke officiating.

St. Matthew's Church (Anglican), at West Winchester, on the 27th May, 1890, R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson officiating.

The Methodist Church, at Dutton, on the 1st July, 1890, R. W. Bro. W. B. Doherty officiating.

The High School at Meaford, on the 9th July, 1890, R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson officiating as Grand Master.

I have undertaken, with the assistance of Grand Lodge, to lay the corner stone of the new wing of the Kingston General Hospital this afternoon at 5 o'clock, and it is my wish that all the brethren should be present on this occasion. The new wing is a generous gift from Mrs. Nickle, acting under the will of her late husband, William Nickle, of this city. It may be interesting to the brethren to know that the General Hospital was used in 1841 as the place of meeting for the first Parliament under the union of Upper and Lower Canada. You will, at the same time, have an opportunity of seeing the fine building, the gift of the citizens of Kingston, to Queen's University.

#### DEDICATIONS.

The Lodge Rooms of the following lodges have been dedicated during the year.

Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton, on the 17th October, 1889, R. W. Bro. W. B. Doherty officiating.

"Star in the East" Lodge No. 164, Wellington, on the 17th of December, 1889, R. W. Bro. Wm. Smeaton officiating.

St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, on the 27th December, 1889, the Grand Master officiating.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville, on the 27th December, 1889, R. W. Bro. A. H. Clarke officiating.

Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville, on the 11th February, 1890, R. W. Bro. Wm. Jaques officiating.

St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville, on the 28th February, 1890, R. W. Bro. A. H. Clarke officiating.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26, and Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope, on the 15th April, 1890, the Grand Master officiating.

McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne, on the 26th June, 1890, R. W. Bro. A. H. Clarke officiating.

The erection and dedication of so many new lodge rooms is, in my opinion, a matter for sincere congratulation, and is, in itself, a proof, if any were wanting, of the great vitality of our order in this Province.

It is an evidence that the brethren are inspired by a spirit of self-sacrifice, and our increasing in numbers and wealth. I referred to this subject last year, and will repeat the advice which I then gave, that taste should be exercised in the decoration of our rooms, and that we should be lodged in accordance with the dignity of our order.

While upon this subject I desire to refer to the use of Dedicated Lodge Rooms, a matter to which reference has frequently been made. It has become the practice to dedicate the room in which the lodge assembles as well as to consecrate the lodge itself, and I have always held and have frequently expressed the opinion that our Dedicated Lodge Rooms should not be used for frivolous amusements. I do not see any objection to the holding of intellectual entertainments in such rooms, but occasionally they have been used for purposes which are far from intellectual, unless the intellect can be said to extend to the feet as well as the head. I am glad to be able to say that during the past year I have heard of no instance of a lodge room being used for such purposes, and I believe that since the attention of the brethren has been directed to the matter they will see the propriety of using their rooms only for the purposes for which they are intended, and to which they are dedicated. In the present day almost every village has a hall which can be obtained for an evening's amusement.

In connection with the consecration of Lodges, the dedication of lodge rooms, and the laying of corner stones, I would call the attention of Grand Lodge to the absolute necessity which exists for securing the proper furniture for these ceremonies. I have none whatever at the present time, and I have been compelled sometimes to resort to ingenious shifts to supply their place. This inconvenience should be remedied as soon as possible. A set of regalia is also necessary for transmission to different parts of the country in which the ceremonies take place.

#### INSURANCE.

I have observed from the reports sent me that some lodge rooms have been burned, and that in many cases there has been no insurance on the property of the members. This is the result of carelessness or improvidence. The property of the lodge should, unless the members do not desire it, be insured by the officers, and the expense charged as part of the working expenses of the lodge. Indeed, this is provided for in nearly all the by-laws which have come under my observation.

#### DECISIONS.

In the ordinary course of the performance of my duties I have had to settle many questions which have been referred to me, but there were none of an exceptional character. I was called upon to dispose of a case in which a brother complained of the ballot having been passed during his absence from the lodge room on a board of trial, and of a second ballot having been taken for a candidate after the result of the first ballot had been declared, and after one of the brethren of the lodge, who was present when the first ballot was taken, had left the lodge room. I considered that a ballot taken during the absence of a brother on a board of trial was irregular, and that the Master had erred in passing the ballot a second time, inasmuch as, if the result of the first ballot had been declared, he was violating Section 225 of the Constitution; and, even if it had not been declared, he could not direct a second ballot after any brother present at the first ballot had left the lodge room.

I have also been frequently called upon to decide upon the physical qualifications of candidates for initiation, and have based my decisions upon the rule laid down last year, a rule which has been approved of in such of the foreign correspondence of other Grand Lodges as has come under my observation.

I regret exceedingly that I was obliged to suspend the Master of one of the lodges for deliberately violating the provisions of the Constitution with respect to jurisdiction, and for conduct in connection with the matter which I regarded as reprehensible. The case has been referred to the Board of General Purposes, and will be brought before you in due course.

This case and others which have come before me convince me that proper care is not always exercised in the selection of the Masters and senior officers of lodges. Brethren are promoted to the chair in many cases because they happen to be the senior officers, irrespective of their fitness for the office, and of the principles distinctly laid down in the Ancient Charges, which prescribe that "All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only, that so the Lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the Royal Craft despised; therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit." I have found that many Masters are not familiar with the provisions of the Constitution, a book which is supposed to be constantly in their hands. Such men should not be placed in the Master's chair. No doubt it is painful to pass over a brother who may be a senior officer in the lodge, but the brethren have themselves to blame for the difficulty in which they are placed, and the remedy lies in exercising proper care in the first place in the selection of subordinate officers.

#### BY-LAWS.

I have again to call the attention of the brethren to the want of care exercised in drafting by-laws. I have been obliged to return for amendment many of the by-laws sent me for approval, because their provisions were inconsistent with the Constitution. Half the contents of some of the by-laws sent me have been re-enactments of the Constitution in a mutilated form, and while there may be some force in the argument which I have heard that it is convenient to have the provisions of the Constitution in the books of by-laws, yet I think that the practice of inserting them as by-laws, is calculated to produce confusion. They might be inserted as extracts from the Constitution.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

I learn from the reports placed in my hands that lodges of instruction have been held in the 1st, 2nd, 7th and 11th Districts by R. W. Brothers Clark, Whitehead, Forsyth and Roaf. The brethren are much indebted to those officers who take the trouble to hold these lodges. They furnish opportunities for interesting and useful discussions on questions of interest to the craft, and I hope that the time will come when such a lodge will be annually held in each District.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following brethren have, on my recommendation, been appointed Grand Representatives of foreign Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Canada:—

For the Grand Lodge of Iowa—R. W. Bro. J. H. Widdifield, for three years (re-appointed).

For the Grand Lodge of Maryland—R. W. Bro. William Smeaton, *vice* the late R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson.

For the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick—R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson, *vice* the late R. W. Bro. Hon. T. B. Pardee.

For the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales—R. W. Bro. S. W. Ray.

For the Grand Lodge of Oregon—R. W. Bro. David Taylor, *vice* the late R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell.

For the United Grand Lodge of Victoria—R. W. Bro. William Gibson (re-appointed).

And I have appointed, on the recommendation of the respective foreign Grand Masters, the following representatives of the Grand Lodge of Canada :—

Near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska—W. Bro. James Gilbert, *vice* M. W. Bro. R. C. Jordan, resigned.

Near the Grand Lodge of North Dakota—R. W. Bro. Chas. E. Jackson.

Near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia—W. Bro. Charles Mowbray, *vice* the late R. W. Bro. A. K. McKinlay.

Near the Grand Lodge of Quebec—M. W. Bro. John W. Graham, *vice* R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, resigned.

Near the Grand Lodge of South Dakota—W. Bro. Louis G. Levoy.

Near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee—M. W. Bro. John T. Williamson, *vice* the late M. W. Bro. Elihu Edmunson.

Near the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales—R. W. Bro. W. H. Simpson.

It should, I think, be made a condition of tenure of the office of Grand Representative near our own or a foreign Grand Lodge, that he should reside within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he is accredited.

#### BENEVOLENT FUND.

I am informed that the carelessness to which I drew attention last year in connection with the sending in of the Benevolence returns to the Board, and the observance of the rules laid down by the Board in connection with the making of grants still continues. I must again strongly impress upon the lodges and local boards the necessity of sending in applications promptly and in the proper form. Their failure to comply with the simple rules laid down by the Board must result either in the applications being refused, or in the Board voting the money improvidently and without sufficient information.

#### THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

During my absence in England we were favored with a visit from our distinguished brother, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who attended a special meeting of the brethren brought together under the auspices of Ionic Lodge. I regretted that I could not be present on the occasion, but I am very glad to hear that our brother was received in a manner befitting the dignity and importance of our Order, and was much pleased with the reception accorded to him.

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

I see by the reports of foreign Grand Lodges that the establishment of our Foreign Correspondence department has given great satisfaction. Brethren who do not look over this foreign correspondence have no idea of the amount of useful information which may be obtained from it. It contains the thoughts and opinions of some of the best men in the various jurisdictions, and I am pleased to see that the selection of Brother Robertson and the work which he has done have been almost universally approved. The money spent on this department is well invested.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

While I have always made it a practice to send a courteous answer to every letter sent me, I feel it my duty, for the benefit of my successors, to call the attention of the brethren to the 56th section of the Constitution, which requires that "The Grand Master shall not be applied to officially in any business concerning Masons or Masonry but through the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master, the District

Deputy Grand Masters, or the Board of General Purposes." The fact is that I have been constantly in the receipt of letters which should never have been sent to me, and the answering of which, even with the assistance of a short-hand and type-writer, has occupied a large portion of my time. I feel free to speak of this matter at the close of my term of office, because no brother can accuse me of having left any communication unanswered in some form, or of having treated him discourteously in this respect. When you consider, brethren, that there are over 20,000 Masons in this Province, you will see in what a deplorable position your Grand Master would be placed if each exercised the privilege which some use as a matter of course, of addressing him on all kinds of subjects, of placing before him suppositions cases, and of asking his advice respecting the domestic matters of the lodge. In self-defence I have been obliged to decline to interfere in these matters, and to remind my correspondents that they had their Masters and District Deputy Grand Masters to apply to, with whose jurisdiction in such matters I had no right to interfere. I hope brethren will in future take note of the provisions of the section of the Constitution to which I have referred, and take for granted that it was enacted for some wise purpose. The time of your Grand Master can be fully occupied by the performance of the serious duties which are imposed on him by his position.

#### OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE.

I desire to acknowledge in the most earnest manner the valuable assistance which I have received during my two years tenure of the office of Grand Master, from the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Secretary, and the other officers in the administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge.

Of the Deputy Grand Master I cannot speak too highly. His zeal, energy and activity must be known to every member of the Craft, and he has laid us all under deep obligations by his unsparing devotion of his time and means to our service.

The District Deputy Grand Masters have in nearly all cases conscientiously and efficiently performed the important duties intrusted to them. I am writing some days before the meeting of Grand Lodge, and I have before me the reports of these officers, which are very voluminous, and contain a notice of the condition of every lodge. These district reports during the last four years have attracted more attention from foreign Grand Lodges than any other part of our system, and in all cases they have called forth unqualified praise. I think that our success as a Grand Lodge is in large measure due to the labours of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

I owe the Grand Secretary a special acknowledgment for the assistance I have constantly received from him. I know that he does not desire that special reference should be made to the manner in which his duties have been performed, and knowing this I forbear to say all of him that he deserves. In the interest of Grand Lodge I hope that he will long occupy his present position.

And now, brethren, after having for two years occupied the position of Grand Master, I am about to resign the gavel to the brother whom you shall choose to succeed me. From the moment at which you entrusted the gavel to my hands I resolved to devote to your service, and to the performance of my duties, all the time and attention which could fairly be expected from one who has many other duties to perform, both to society and to his own family. I determined to make a fair return to you for the honor that you had conferred upon me, and to leave if possible nothing to be regretted by me at the close of my term

of office. I felt that I was under solemn obligation not merely to perform to the best of my ability the active duties imposed upon me, but to maintain your honor and my own spotless and untarnished. The trust that has been committed to me I now return to you, and though I may have satisfied my own conscience I know that it is you, brethren, who must pass judgment on my administration of your affairs. Though I have devoted much time to your service, my reward has come back to me in many ways. It has come to me in the love of my brethren and in the purifying influence which the restraints imposed upon me by my position as your chief representative must necessarily have upon my character. The two years during which I have been your Grand Master will be to me two of the most important years of my life. They have knit me to you in the closest bonds, and it is my hope that though I may cease to exercise the functions of chief ruler of the Craft, I may continue to occupy a prominent place in your minds and hearts. That the Great Grand Architect of the Universe will bless us all collectively and individually, and will assist us to propagate the great principles for the promotion of which we are banded together, will ever be the sincere prayer of your loving brother.

RICHARD T. WALKER,  
*Grand Master.*

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

*Resolved*,—That the address of the M. W., the Grand Master, be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

#### REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

*Resolved*,—That the reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

#### ERIE DISTRICT NO. 1.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my annual report as to the condition of the Craft in Erie District.

My first official act was the issue of a circular letter to the several lodges in the district, a copy of which is attached to this report.

I regret to report that, although most of the lodges have caused copies of the summonses for meetings to be sent to me, with commendable regularity, the Masters of several lodges or their secretaries have wholly ignored their duty in that respect, and in many cases the returns of elected officers are not made to me. In consequence of these omissions I have been caused considerable inconvenience, as these notices and returns furnish the only accurate information of the dates of lodge meetings, of the work being done and of the addresses of officers to be communicated with. In many cases these omissions I have ascertained to be owing to the ignorance of the requirements of the constitution, which suggests another matter of great importance, which I must say has been neglected in many lodges, namely, the reading in open lodge of the ancient charges, the regulations of Grand Lodge relating to private lodges, and the by-laws of the lodge. This duty omitted it is not remarkable that new officers overlook some duties which are not otherwise brought to their notice. In my visits I

have endeavored to impress upon the officers the great importance of a strict compliance with the constitution in the above respects.

#### CORNER STONES.

During the year there have been three especial Communications of Grand Lodge in this district for the purpose of laying corner stones, at all of which I assisted. At Blenheim on 7th August, 1889, the corner stone of Trinity Anglican church was laid by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, D. G. M., assisted by several Grand Lodge officers, in the presence of a large assemblage. Between 150 and 200 Masons were present from Chatham, Wallaceburg, Dresden, Ridgetown, Highgate, West Lorne and Blenheim. In the evening R. W. Bro. Robertson delivered his very instructive and interesting lecture on "History of Masonry in Canada," in the Baptist church.

At Chatham, on 27th August, 1889, the corner stone of "Harrison Hall," a new building erected jointly by the Town of Chatham and County of Kent, was laid by the Grand Master, assisted by officers and brethren to the number of about 100. The visit and address of the Grand Master were very much appreciated.

At Leamington, on 26th May, 1890, the corner stone of a new Methodist Church at that place was laid by myself, assisted by R. W. Bro. E. Allworth, of Kingsville, and other officers and brethren from surrounding lodges.

#### CONSECRATIONS AND DEDICATIONS.

By the direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, I represented him at the consecration and dedication of new Masonic halls of Tecumseh Lodge No. 245, at Thamesville, on the 27th December, 1889, St. George's Lodge, No. 41, at Kingsville, on 28th February, 1890, and McColl Lodge, No. 386, at West Lorne, on 26th June, 1890.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

I granted dispensations to the following lodges, to attend Divine service clothed as Masons :

Sydenham, No. 255, on 29th December, 1889 ; Wellington, No. 46, on 5th January, 1890 ; Great Western, No. 47, on 15th May, 1890 ; Central, No. 402, on 22nd June, 1890 ; St. George's, No. 41, on 29th June, 1890, and Parthenon, No. 267, on 29th June, 1890.

I am pleased to bear testimony to the good done the cause of Masonry in this district by R. W. Bro. David Armstrong, D. D., Grand Chaplain, who delivered his celebrated lecture on "The Moral Aspects of Freemasonry" at different places with great acceptance.

#### HARMONY.

In the main brotherly love and harmony prevail amongst the members of the various lodges, but I cannot report that there has been no friction in the ranks. Early in the year I was called upon to interpose between brothers who were estranged in one of the lodges, and as a result I am glad to think a better feeling was engendered, though I understand there has not been a complete restoration of brotherly love, and the brethren concerned do not work together with that brotherly love which should characterise Freemasons.

In one of the lodges a complaint was made, and tried at the instance of a brother against a fellow member, which resulted in a dismissal of the charge and the non-attendance of the brother who preferred the charge at the lodge meetings.

#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A Lodge of Instruction was held at Ridgetown in connection with the regular meeting of Howard Lodge, No. 391, on Monday, the 2nd of

June, 1890, commencing at 2 o'clock, p. m., at which I was present. The number present, about 75, would have been greater but for the general elections. The gathering was representative, and composed of members of the following lodges :—Howard, No. 391 ; Beaver, No. 83 ; Sydenham, No. 255 ; Florence, No. 390 ; Wellington, No. 46 ; Parvaim, No. 395 ; Naphtali, No. 413 ; Highgate, No. 336 ; Rodney, No. 411 ; McColl, No. 386 ; Thistle, No. 250 ; Lorne, No. 282 ; Tecumseh, No. 245 ; Kent, No. 274 ; St. George's, No. 41 ; Central, No. 402 ; Belmont, No. 190 ; Merrill, No. 344, and Havelock, No. 238.

The first degree was beautifully exemplified by officers of McColl Lodge, No. 386, W. Bro. J. J. Stalker in the East, supported by Bro. J. A. Gillis, Jun. Warden, and Bro. F. Reaston, Sen. Warden.

The second degree was exemplified by officers of different lodges, those previously selected being absent. W. Bro. A. J. Brown, W. M. of Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, in the East, assisted by Wor. Bro. E. A. Hugill, W. M. of Rodney Lodge, No. 411, as Sen. Warden, and W. Bro. Geo. Middleditch, P. M., as Jun. Warden.

The third degree was exemplified very impressively by the officers of Howard Lodge, No. 391, V. W. Bro. B. Paine, W. M., in the chair.

I exemplified an examination on the third degree, R. W. Bro. W. Milner answering the questions. There was a lively discussion on many important points, and throughout order and harmony prevailed. Special reference is due to R. W. Bro. W. Milner, P. D. D. G. M., of London District, for the valuable aid rendered and the useful instruction imparted by him. It is said to have been the most successful Lodge of Instruction yet held in Erie District.

#### REGALIA.

Through the indefatigable efforts of R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson, my immediate predecessor, a new D. D. G. M. regalia was procured for the district and presented to me on behalf of the district, at Thamesville, on 27th December, 1889, at the same time the old regalia which had been used for the old St. Clair District was presented to R. W. Bro. T. C. Macnabb, of Chatham, in recognition of the great services to Masonry rendered by him for so many years, which was suitably acknowledged.

#### DEATHS.

The loss of several esteemed brethren has been recorded during the year who have fulfilled their earthly destiny, reminding us of the immutable certainty of death.

#### BENEVOLENCE.

I have taken special care to see that the rules of Grand Lodge respecting benevolent grants be understood and complied with.

#### VISITS TO LODGES.

I have visited all the lodges in the district at least once during the year, and with a few exceptions they have contributed to my expenses. Owing to the large amount of sickness during the winter months and the bad roads the attendance at lodge meetings has not been large, often some of the regular officers being absent. I am indebted to the brethren generally for the courtesy shown me wherever I have been, and think it only becoming in this way to acknowledge their kindness.

Many of the lodges not having sent me the information for which blanks were supplied them, some of my statistics may not be accurate, but will be found nearly correct.

My first official visit was to Rodney Lodge, No. 411 ; it has a membership of 27, average attendance, 13. Five new members have been initiated, and the two higher degrees conferred on 6. The lodge opened

in all three degrees, and conferred the second degree to my entire satisfaction. I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which this lodge is conducted ; the officers all perform their respective functions well. About 15 were present. Financial condition is good, and all business is promptly attended to. Their property is insured for \$150. With a continuation of officers like the present the lodge cannot fail to succeed.

Leamington Lodge, No. 290 : Visited regular meeting on 5th November, 1889. Membership about 60, attendance fair. The first and second degrees were conferred by the W.M., who is a zealous Mason and a very fair worker. The lodge is growing, and I can report it in a prosperous condition ; financial condition good, though there is a large sum in arrear for dues. W. Bros. Pizer and Church, of Essex Centre, accompanied me on this visit.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville : This lodge had the misfortune of being burnt out, and in consequence is not in a good financial condition. My visit to it was on the occasion of the dedication of the new hall on 27th December, 1889. The new hall is a very comfortable one and creditable to the lodge. There were present about 35, comprising some from neighbouring lodges. Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees very creditably ; membership about 50. This lodge has not sent me any information for my report nor notices of its meetings so I cannot report on the work being done (if any). There was no work when I was there.

Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex Centre : Visited this lodge officially on 1st January, 1890, and installed its officers ; its membership is 58, average attendance, 12. This is small, compared with some former years. The lodge has been seriously injured by divisions amongst some of the members. There have been 2 initiations and 4 passed and raised. Arrearages for dues \$82. There are seven members over 12 months in arrear for dues. Assets, \$300 ; debt, \$140 ; insurance, \$200. The lodge furnished rather expensively at the start, and is not yet out of debt. The prospects for the lodge are fair. The W.M. works all the degrees fairly well. A member of this lodge having complained to me that he was refused Masonic intercourse by the Masons at some place in Alabama, because he had no dimit, I caused the matter to be brought to the notice of R.W. Bro. Harman, Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of Alabama, with the result that it was learned through correspondence with the Grand Secretary at Montgomery by R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, our Grand Secretary, that the Master who had insisted upon the production of a dimit was suffering under some mental aberration at the time, and that no disrespect was intended. This was satisfactory to the offended brother.

Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury Centre : I visited this lodge 10th January, 1890, and installed the officers. Many being absent were installed by proxy. There were only 12 present, but the night was very dark, the weather had been wet, and the roads were almost impassable. Many were confined to their homes through sickness, "la grippe" being then prevalent. Membership 32 ; average attendance small. The dues are sufficient to satisfy the indebtedness, but they are largely in arrear ; some for 3 years. The W.M. closed the lodge very creditably, and I consider the officers efficient, though I have not seen their work. I was accompanied on this visit by W. Bro. W. Chnrch, of Essex Centre. The prospects of the lodge are fair.

St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville : The W. M. of this lodge is R. W. Bro. E. Allworth, P. D. D. G. M., who can always be depended on to work well and impressively. He is ably assisted by his Wardens

and other officers. I visited this lodge at the time of dedicating the new hall, on the 28th February, 1890. The new hall is very commodious. The lodges of Masons and Oddfellows united in building a fine brick block, which contains their respective lodge rooms and some stores. There were about 70 present at the dedication. In the evening a banquet was given by the lodge, at which about 300 were present, including ladies. The evening was a most enjoyable one. The W. M., Dr. Allworth, was presented with a handsome gold watch, suitably inscribed, by the brethren, as a token of his invaluable services to the lodge, especially in the erection of the new building. I officially visited the lodge on 12th June, 1890, when 3 candidates were initiated, making 19 during the year; total membership about 75. This lodge is noted for the hospitality of its members. It is needless to say the lodge is abundantly prosperous and its prospects bright.

Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim: Visited here 3rd March, 1890. The first degree was conferred very ably by W. Bro. W. G. Collins, W. M. The Wardens were not present; there were about 20 present. Membership 44, average attendance about 10. Many of the members live in the country. The lodge is free from debt and has a small balance on hand. W. M. can work all the degrees. Prospects seem good for the lodge.

Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham: Visited 5th March, 1890. The first and second degrees were conferred by W. Bros. Rankin, W. M.; N. J. Bogart, P. M.; and R. W. Bro. T. C. Macnabb, very creditably. W. M. works all the degrees. Membership about 45, and increasing. Lodge free from debt, small balance on hand. There were about 20 present.

Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber: Visited here 6th March, 1890. This lodge lost everything by fire, including the charter, on the 5th November, 1889. The brethren have procured a room for temporary use, and by the zeal of the W. M. and his officers, the lodge is being held together and strengthened by new members. Finances low. Membership about 25. There were about 15 present. The W. M. conferred the first degree fairly well, and opened in the three degrees, he assisted in conferring the third, but was then unable to manage the whole ceremony; I understand now he confers them all. Prospects of lodge very fair.

Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham: Visited this lodge 7th April, 1890. Membership about 90. Attendance 35, which I was informed was rather less than average. The third degree was conferred very efficiently by the W. M. W. Bro. J. Birca and his wardens, and other officers. There are several P. M's. here, who work the degrees. The lodge seems to be working well and is in good condition. There is usually a surplus on hand of about \$100, besides about \$200 to credit of a benevolent fund, which is supplied from part of the initiation fees.

Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor: Visited an emergency meeting of this lodge 17th April, 1890, and was favored with the company of R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson, P. D. D. G. M., who offered some wise counsel. The W. M., W. Bro. Thos. McGregor, ably assisted by his wardens and deacons, conferred the second degree very correctly. He works all the degrees. About 20 present, average attendance 30. Membership 96. Cash on hand \$1,100, other assets \$600.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, Bothwell: Visited here 30th April, 1890. Membership about 25, average attendance 8 to 10. There has been no work lately and there is not much activity. The lodge is in debt to a small amount. There were about 18 present including

members from Florence, No. 390 ; Albion, No. 80 ; and the Hammond, No. 327. There being no work, lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. The W. M. had his work well up, the Jr. Warden fairly, but the Senior Warden and Deacons were very rusty. The town is dull, which doubtless has an effect on the lodge.

Florence, No. 390, Florence : Visited 1st May, 1890 ; present between 15 and 20 ; membership about 27 ; average attendance 12 ; out of debt ; surplus about \$100.

The third degree was conferred by the Secretary, Bro. W. Drew, P. M., the W. M. acting as Junior Warden, not feeling able to confer the third ; the work was well done, the Wardens rendering valuable assistance. This lodge is fairly prosperous and deserves to succeed.

Sydenham, No. 255, Dresden : This is a good lodge ; about 20 were present when I visited 8th May, 1890 ; membership about 44 ; average attendance 15 ; lodge free from debt ; there has not been much work during the year ; the lodge is careful of its material. The first degree was conferred by the W. M., ably assisted by the Wardens and Junior Deacon, and by W. Bro. Switzer, P. M. It being the first time, the W. M. performed his work in a manner worthy of congratulation ; understand he works all the degrees.

Lorne, No. 282, Glencoe : This lodge elected officers on the evening I visited it, 29th May, 1890 ; there was no work ; the lodge has been presided over by R. W. Bro. W. G. Lumley, P. D. D. G. M., so it is safe to say he can work all the degrees ; the lodge was opened in three degrees fairly well ; present 13, which is the average attendance ; membership about 45 ; financially about \$50 ahead ; prospects good.

Howard, No. 391, Ridgetown : Have already referred to my visit here on 2nd June, 1890, in connection with Lodge of Instruction, and of the proficiency of the officers ; membership about 75 ; average attendance 25 ; working harmoniously ; free from debt ; prospects good.

Windsor, No. 403, Windsor : Visited regular meeting 6th June, 1890 ; about 30 present, including some brethren from lodges in Detroit, and R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson ; officers were elected for the ensuing year, from whom I expect good work. The third degree was conferred very fairly ; membership about 47 ; average attendance about 13 ; a fair surplus on hand ; arrearages \$118.43 ; 2 initiations during year ; 3 passed ; 6 raised ; prospects good.

The Hammond, No. 327, Wardsville : Visited and installed officers of this lodge 24th June, 1890 ; about 15 present. There being no work I could not judge as to the competence of the officers, but understand the retiring Master worked all the degrees fairly well ; the officers elect may fairly be expected to do good work ; membership 24 ; initiations 2 ; average attendance 10 ; members over 12 months in arrear 22 ; arrearages \$178.12 ; finances in good condition, about \$100 ahead ; prospects of the lodge are encouraging. The brethren were most hospitable, and I am indebted especially to the Master elect Bro. H. A. Wilson, for his trouble in conveying me from place to place, and providing for my comfort.

Albion Lodge, No. 80, Newbury : This lodge is certainly in bad condition. It has not elected officers for two years, and during the past year has met but once or twice. The members met in the spring for the purpose of receiving an official visit from me, but I was forced to cancel the appointment, much to my sorrow. I went to Newbury on 25th June, 1890, and had an interview with the Master, W. Bro. J. J. Rheintgen, who appears to be zealous for the cause, and is ready to sacrifice time and money. His Secretary and Senior Warden are out of the country, and the W. M. seems to perform the duties of all the offi-

cers, so far as they are performed. He despairs of being able to continue the lodge. Some of the other members who are also zealous and so attached to the old lodge as to almost mourn over the prospect of a surrender, feel that the chances of continuing are very poor. The membership is about 16; arrearages of dues run from \$3 to \$30. The hall is a commodious one, and the building is owned by the lodge, subject to a mortgage which the holder threatens to foreclose. I could not learn that the prospects for increase in membership were encouraging. There are too many lodges near Newbury, Wardsville being less than 3 miles south, Bothwell about 6 miles west, and Glencoe 6 miles east, all of them having drained from Albion, which seems to have been the mother of them all. The Grand Lodge dues have not been sent for 2 or 3 years. I should also mention that a complaint was made to me by Florence Lodge of the initiation by Albion of a candidate within the jurisdiction of the former. The W. M. says he was not at the time aware of the facts, and otherwise admits his error. There was an understanding that Albion should pay Florence \$15 to remedy the breach, which was satisfactory to both lodges, but in the state of Albion, it cannot raise the money. I have not done anything further in reference to the complaint. Among the remnant of Albion are old men loath to give up its time-honored altar, and I therefore report the facts as above without recommending any line of action.

McColl, No. 386, West Lorne: I visited this lodge in connection with the dedication of its new hall on 26th June, 1890, the W. M. having removed from the district, I. P. M., J. J. Stalker, has charge of the lodge. I have already commented on the manner in which the officers of this lodge conferred the first degree at Ridgetown. I had them open up in the other two degrees, which they did fairly well; membership 38; initiations 5; passed 6; raised 6. Their lodge was burned in December, 1889; at considerable expense they have procured a very suitable hall, the members contributing their labor gratuitously to a considerable extent, they now hold a lease for 99 years. Insurance on hall and contents \$500; prospects encouraging; lodge working in harmony; there were members of Rodney and Cameron Lodges present, in all about 23; average attendance small.

Highgate, No. 336, Highgate: Visited this lodge 27th June, 1890. Fire here has not passed our brethren; their hall was destroyed by fire in February, 1890, and they are now meeting in one room of the Public School building. It is also used by other societies. I was informed they hold a dispensation to meet from the Grand Master, though other societies also occupy the room. The lodge is in good condition and working harmoniously. There were present about 20; membership, 28; average attendance, 14; arrearages, \$90; surplus on hand, \$150; no insurance. Master can work three degrees. He conferred the first very creditably, it being the first time for him. The Wardens worked fairly, the Junior Deacon not so well. The members as a rule live some distance from the place of meeting, but I learn they are zealous in the cause and attend with commendable perseverance. During the year the lodge has lost two of its best and influential members, the latter of whom they still mourn. There were 3 initiations during the year, 5 were passed to the fellow craft, and 5 were made Master Masons. The prospects for the lodge are encouraging. W. Bros. Geo. Middle-ditch and Carpenter, and V. W. Bro. B. Paine of Howard Lodge, Ridgetown, were present and addressed the lodge.

Pynx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg: Visited this lodge June 30th, 1889. Owing to the extremely hot weather and to preparations for Dominion Day celebration, the attendance was very small. The lodge

was opened in the three degrees in a very creditable manner, and I understand the degrees are all conferred by the W. M. Membership, about 60; initiated, 3; passed, 4; raised, 4; average attendance, about 20; 50 members in arrears over 12 months, representing about \$200. The cash balance is about even. The lodge has, however, invested a good deal to assist the family of a deceased member, and its assets amount to about \$250. Besides this, the lodge is handsomely furnished, and the brethren are to be congratulated on their splendid hall. Insurance \$500. During the year the lodge suspended a brother principally for consorting with clandestine Masons, and recommended him to Grand Lodge for expulsion. The lodge has done a good deal of charitable work by contributing from their lodge fund and individually, and has assumed, through one of its Past Masters, the guardianship of three orphans of a deceased brother. The prospects of the lodge seem good.

Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg: I was greeted here on the evening of the 1st of July, 1890, with a good attendance and a hearty welcome. The membership is 34; average attendance, about 14. During the year 5 have been initiated, passed and raised, 1 death, and 8 suspensions for non-payment of dues. I understood that there are no members now in arrear for non-payment of dues over 12 months. There were 5 withdrawals. Financially there is a small cash surplus. The lodge owns a town lot, value about \$100, and the lodge is well furnished. The W. M. does not pretend to work the degrees, and has been depending on others. There was no work. I requested the lodge to be opened in the three degrees which was done fairly well. The prospects of the lodge are encouraging.

In conclusion, I feel that my duties have been conscientiously performed to the utmost of my skill and ability, in the time I have been able to spare from my business, and I shall feel amply rewarded if my efforts have contributed in any way to advance our noble order.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. H. CLARKE, D.D.G.M.,

Erie District, No. 1.

Essex, 1 July, 1890.

#### ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 2.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

As required by the constitution, I have the honor and pleasure of submitting the following report on the condition of Masonry in St. Clair District, No. 2.

This district contains 19 warranted lodges, and one U.D., all of which I have officially visited, and it affords me great pleasure to state that peace and harmony prevail throughout the district, no complaint or grievance from any lodge or member being of sufficient importance to bring before Grand Lodge.

The following is a record of my official visits and acts for the past year:

My first official act was the appointing of W. Bro. P. M. Cockburn, of Beaver Lodge, No. 83, District Secretary. I hereby express my sincere thanks for his valuable assistance and prompt attention to Masonic business of the district entrusted to him. I also appointed Rev. Bro. J. M. Gunne, of Burns Lodge, No. 153, District Chaplain, and I am pleased to report that whenever occasion presented itself he

was ever ready to attend to all matters pertaining to the moral progress and prosperity of the Craft in the district.

Euclid Lodge, No. 366, Strathroy : My first official visit was made to this lodge on September 5th, it being the lodge under the banner of which I claim membership. The work was the raising of a candidate. The W.M., through illness, was unable to perform the work ; it was, however, very ably performed by a visiting P.M., V.W. Bro. Mallon, of Beaver Lodge. Other officers are well skilled and did their work creditably. I again visited this lodge on Oct. 31st. The work was correctly exemplified on candidates in the three degrees by the officers. Number of brethren present, 21. This lodge has a total membership of 58. For the past year there has been 2 initiations, 3 passings, and 4 raisings ; number of brethren in arrears, 19 ; amount of arrearages, \$165 ; suspensions, 1 ; number of meetings held, 17 ; future prospects fair.

Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy : I visited this lodge Sept. 15th ; a candidate was passed. The W.M. is an excellently impressive and enthusiastic worker. He was aided by a very good staff of officers, apparently in need of practice. I again visited this lodge on October 11th, and saw a candidate very correctly and impressively raised. Wardens were absent. On October 17th I had the pleasure of assuming command of the gavel at an emergent meeting of Beaver and Euclid Lodges, when R.W. Bro. Armstrong, Grand Chaplain, delivered an address to the brethren (about 70 in number) on the Moral Aspects of Freemasonry. Many practical and useful lines were drawn on the moral tracing-board of Masonry, which if properly followed will have a tendency to promote that standard of perfection which our time-honored institution deservedly merits. Beaver Lodge has a total membership of 65. For past year there has been 4 initiations, 3 passings, and 2 raisings ; number of brethren in arrears, 25 ; amount of arrearages, \$157.02. number of meetings held, 16 ; average attendance, 25 ; future prospects, very good.

St. Clair Lodge, U.D., Port Lambton : In company with R.W. Bro. Armstrong, Grand Chaplain, I visited this lodge on October 8th, for purpose of seeing same properly started. Was gladly surprised to find a well-furnished lodge room and all necessary requirements. This lodge is presided over by a very zealous W.M., assisted by an efficient staff of officers, I handed over the dispensation to the W.M. (and the reports I have so far received point favorably to the ultimate success of the venture), and I would recommend that a warrant be granted them.

St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mt. Brydges : In company with W. Bros. Currie and Evans, of Beaver and Euclid Lodges, I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on Oct. 15th. This lodge, owing to substantial repairs and alterations in building, were unable to meet for two previous regular meetings. They have now one of the most complete and finest rural lodge rooms in this district. The officers passed a candidate in a very creditable and correct manner, after which they raised a candidate to the sublime degree of a M.M. I found it necessary to point out slight omissions that had occurred in exemplifying the third degree, and having every confidence in the officers I feel satisfied that with the zeal and interest demonstrated that correctness of work will be their future motto. Number of brethren present, 26 ; total membership, 75. For past year there has been 6 initiations, 6 passings, and 6 raisings ; number of brethren in arrears, 22, amount of arrearages, \$73 ; number of meetings held, 16 ; average attendance, 20 ; future prospects very favourable.

Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier : I also had the pleasure of the com-

pany of W.M.'s of Beaver and Euclid Lodges on Nov. 1st, the date of my official visit to this lodge. Having no work, the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees correctly. The remainder of the evening was profitably employed in the discussion of various ritualistic points. This lodge possesses choice Masonic material which, under the fraternal guidance of R.W. Bro. Calvert, P.D.D.G.M. and V.W. Bro. Cameron, G. Steward, they possess every advantage necessary to retain their original high reputation for perfection in all matters pertaining to the advancement of the principles of the Craft. Number of members present, 22.

Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia : I officially visited this lodge Nov. 5th, in company with W. M. of Beaver Lodge. The work was the initiation of a candidate, which was very correctly done. The S. W. was absent ; his chair was efficiently filled by S. W. of lodge 419. After initiation, the lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and the questions asked of a Bro. who had been raised some time previously. The whole work was correctly and effectively performed. Number of members present 23, visiting brethren 14. Total membership 68. For past year there have been 3 initiations, 3 passings and 4 raisings ; number of brethren in arrears 3, amount of arrearages \$35.60, suspensions 1, number of meetings held 19, average attendance 16. Future prospects favorable.

Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford : I visited this lodge on Dec. 3rd. Officers all present. The second degree was conferred on a candidate, work correct. By request I gave a lecture on T. B. Number present 23. Total membership 60. For past year there have been 5 initiations, 6 passings and 6 raisings. Number of brethren in arrears 26 ; amount of arrearages \$332.00 ; Number of meetings held, 18 ; average attendance, 18. Future prospects good.

Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Arkona : I visited this lodge on Feb. 5th. The W. M. being absent the chair was occupied by a P. M. The work was passing and raising of candidates. The degrees were well conferred and the officers well posted in the work, rendering it in a manner effective and pleasing, Number present, 33. After the conferring of degrees was concluded, the brethren proceeded with the election of officers.

Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie : I visited this lodge on Jan. 8th. The work on hand was the passing of a candidate. The work was given in a creditable and correct manner, after which the lodge was opened in the third degree, and many practical questions asked and answers given. Number present, 20.

Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Pt. Edward : My official visit was made to this lodge on January 13th, when I installed the officers. The officers chosen by the lodge are well skilled in our ceremonies. The retiring officers of this lodge exemplified the first degree at a Lodge of Instruction held at Sarnia on January 14th. The work was so efficiently done that no questions were asked. Number present, 43. Total membership, 50. Average attendance, 20. For the past year there have been 7 initiations, 8 passings and 7 raisings. Number of brethren in arrears, 1 ; amount of arrearage, \$5.00 ; Number of meetings held, 17 ; Future prospects very good.

Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest : I visited this lodge at a regular meeting held January 29th. The J. W. and J. D. were prostrated with "La Grippe." The work was the passing of a candidate, which was fairly well done. I gave a lecture on T. B. After the working was gone through with, the remainder of the evening was employed as a Lodge of Instruction, and from the zeal displayed by the officers and

brethren present, I feel satisfied that under the guidance and instruction of W. Bro. Grigg, that the lodge will soon rank on a par with the best, Number present, 18. Total membership, 38. Average attendance 17. For the past year there have been 3 initiations, 3 passings and 2 raisings. Number of brethren in arrears, 6; amount of arrearages, \$34.50; suspensions, 2; number of meetings held, 14. Future prospects fair on the improve.

Moore Lodge, No. 294, Mooretown: I visited this lodge at a meeting held on January 30th. There being no work, the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a correct manner, and the evening employed as a Lodge of Instruction. This lodge is under the guidance of a very zealous and energetic Mason, W. Bro. Dr. Wilkinson. Number present, 12.

Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford: Paid my official visit to this lodge on Feb. 3rd. W. M. in the chair, J. W. absent. A candidate was initiated. The W. M. has a good knowledge of the work, but requires practice, which with the attention demonstrated, will make an expert worker. The lodge was also opened and closed in the second and third degrees, and many points pertaining to the work discussed. Number present, 18. Total membership, 26. For the past year there have been 2 initiations, 2 passings and 1 raising. Number of brethren in arrears, 4; amount of arrearages, \$29.28; suspensions, 1; Number meetings held, 10. Average attendance; 10. Future prospects fairly good.

Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolia: I visited this lodge on February 4th, the work done being the initiating and passing of candidates. The initiation was done in an able and correct manner by the officers of the lodge. By request I passed a candidate to the second degree. W. Bro. Scott is a very enthusiastic Mason, and as chief head handles the gavel in a very proficient manner, and he is supported by young, active and enthusiastic officers. No. present, 31.

Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, Petrolia: I visited this lodge officially in company with W. Bro. Currie, P.M., of Beaver Lodge, on February 12th. Lodge opened and closed in the three degrees, and the evening profitably passed as a Lodge of Instruction. This lodge being under the watchful care of R. W. Bro. Sinclair, is perfectly safe, and it readily accounts for the proficiency displayed by the W.M. and officers in discussions that ensued. No. present, 29; total membership, 61; average attendance, 21. For the past year there have been 8 initiations, 8 passings and 6 raisings; suspensions, 1; number in arrears, 12; amount of arrearages, \$50; number of meetings held, 19. Future prospects, favourable.

Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden: I visited this lodge at a regular meeting on March 5th. Lodge opened and closed in the three degrees. The W. M. rules his lodge in a masterly manner, and he is supported by efficient officers. Number present, 13; total membership, 38; average attendance 10. For past year there have been 2 initiations, 2 passings and 2 raisings; suspensions, 1; resignations, 1; number of brethren in arrears, 13; amount of arrearages, \$106.75; number of meetings held, 9; future prospects not more than fair.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs: This lodge I visited on March 6th, as they had no work, the W. M. and officers exemplified the first degree in a correct manner. Lodge was then opened and closed in second and third degrees correctly and efficiently. Number present, 12; total membership, 39. For past year there have been 1 initiation, 1 passing and 1 raising. Number of brethren in arrears, 20; amount of arrearages, \$125; number meetings held, 15; average attendance, 10; future prospects, fair.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne : I visited this lodge at a regular meeting held on April 2nd. Officers present. A candidate was initiated, and a candidate also passed to the second degree. The W. M. is an impressive worker. Wardens require a little more confidence and practice. This lodge I consider on fair road to prosperity, and in its present form with practice will soon attain a reputation comparing well with any rural lodge in the district. Number present, 22 ; total membership, 36. For past year there have been 4 initiations, 4 passings and 3 raisings ; number meetings held, 16 ; average attendance, 8 ; future prospects, fair.

Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming : I visited this lodge on April 3rd, at a regular meeting. Officers all present. They possess the requisites for constituting a superb working lodge. The work was the passing of two candidates and the raising of two candidates. The W. M. is a very correct worker. Wardens are well up in every duty pertaining to their office, and such might be said of the assistant officers. Number present, 28 ; total membership, 38. For past year there have been 11 initiations, 9 passings and 9 raisings, 5 suspensions, number members in arrears, 9 ; amount of arrearages, \$72.50 ; number meetings held, 20 ; average attendance, 14 ; future prospects, good.

Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston : I visited this lodge April 30th, concluding my official visits. W. Bro. Conn, W.M., in the chair. A candidate was expected for passing, but did not put in an appearance. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and a portion of the third degree correctly exemplified. Remainder of evening was spent as a lodge of instruction. The officers are well grounded in the work. Number present, 18 ; total membership, 44. For past year there have been 4 initiated, 3 passed, and 3 raised ; number of brethren in arrears, 9 ; amount arrearages, \$33 ; number of meetings held, 15 ; average attendance, 14. Future prospects good.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

I have held two lodges of instruction in the District ; the first at the Masonic Hall, Strathroy, on Thursday, January 9th ; the second at the Masonic Hall, Sarnia, on Tuesday, January 14th.

The attendance was not so large as I had hoped for, owing to the bad condition of the roads, and the prevalence of "La Grippe."

At Strathroy the first degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Pool, of Euclid Lodge, No. 366 ; the second, by W. Bro. P. M. McBeth, also of Euclid Lodge ; and the third, by W. Bro. P. M. Currie, of Beaver Lodge, No. 83.

At Sarnia the first degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. P. M. McIntyre, and officers of Bismarck Lodge, No. 419 ; the second degree exemplified by Wor. Bro. P. M. Currie, of Beaver Lodge, No. 83, assisted by officers from Burns Lodge, No. 153, and St. Clair Lodge, U.D. The third degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Samis, P.M., of Victoria, assisted by officers of the same lodge.

The degrees were thoroughly exemplified, and the examination of visitors thoroughly gone through with, and very much interest was manifested.

I thank the brethren in both places for their kindness and attention, and their exertions to make the meetings successful.

#### BENEVOLENCE.

In report of the Board on Benevolence made at last annual communication of Grand Lodge, I observed that the following lodges of District No. 2 were in default of making "return" of grants as required by rule of Grand Lodge :

For 1886, Lodge No. 263, \$40 ; No. 307, \$20 ; No. 397, \$30 ; for 1887, Lodge No. 194, \$40 ; for 1888, Lodge No. 153, \$10.

M.W. Bro. Otto Klotz, chairman of Board on Benevolence, kindly furnished me with returns made out for defaulting lodges, and on my official visit I had same signed by W.M. and Secretary and had seal of lodge attached. I then forwarded it to M.W. Bro. Otto Klotz.

On my official visit to each lodge I particularly called their attention to the importance and necessity of complying with the rules respecting grants from the Benevolent Fund, and furnished each lodge with a copy of said rules furnished me by M.W. Bro. Otto Klotz. Upon inquiry I found that the following lodges intended making application : Lodges No. 81, 83, 194, 323, 238, 336, and 392.

#### DEATHS.

Death has removed from among us in this District Bro. Alex. Ingram, of Lodge No. 56 ; W. Bro. W. G. VanStaden, P.M., of Lodge No. 83 ; W. Bro. Jas. W. Ford, of Lodge No. 158 ; Bro. M. Bixee and Bro. J. H. English, of Lodge No. 366.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

I have during the year granted dispensations to the following lodges to attend Divine service, clothed as Masons : Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia ; Beaver Lodge, No. 83, and Enclid Lodge, No. 366, Strathroy ; and Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston. The fees for same were forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and his receipt returned.

#### DISTANCE TRAVELLED.

In making my official visits I have travelled 1,200 miles, and I sincerely tender my thanks to all lodges in District in defraying my expenses.

#### CONCLUSION.

In closing my report allow me to express my gratitude and sincere thanks to the Grand Secretary for his promptness in giving me any information asked for, and to the officers and brethren of the District for the universal kindness, attention, and fraternal welcome with which I was received when paying my official visits, and I shall always look back with pleasure to the time I occupied the position of D.D.G.M. of St. Clair District.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. P. WHITEHEAD, D.D.G.M.,  
St. Clair District, No. 2.

Strathroy, June 28th, 1890.

#### LONDON DISTRICT, No. 3.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—

I beg herewith to submit my official report of the London District, No. 3, for the year ending June 30th, 1890.

I have paid official visits to all the lodges in this District but six, and I was prevented from visiting these through illness in January and February, and from the fact of the Provincial elections taking place in the month of June. However, from enquiries that I have made, I am satisfied that the lodges which I have been unable personally to inspect are working satisfactorily and are in as good a condition as the majority of county lodges in the District.

The general condition of Masonry in this District is good with some few exceptions. In the cities of London and St. Thomas Craft Masonry has never been in a more flourishing condition than now; all of the lodges in these cities are well officered and have had all the work on hand during the year that they could possibly do. The material taken in, too, has, so far as I have been able to ascertain, been of the kind calculated to do credit to our ancient craft. The same state of things largely exists in the majority of the country lodges, though there are some few which are or have been in a semi-dormant condition, more particularly Spartan Lodge, No. 176; Warren Lodge, No. 120; Merrill Lodge, No. 344; and Springfield, No. 259. I found on the occasion of my visits to these lodges that no degree had been conferred in either of them for several years, though the members appear to have met with tolerable regularity simply for the transaction of routine business. I told these lodges that this inactivity ought not to be allowed to continue, that situated as they were in the midst of a splendid farming community there ought to be plenty of good material to draw from if the Craft made itself felt in these localities. I am glad to be able to report that since that time some two or three applications for initiation have been received and accepted in Spartan Lodge, and I believe that fresh vigor has also been infused into Warren Lodge. There are a number of old Masons who are regular attendants in all of these lodges, and I hope that for their sakes these lodges will take a new lease of life.

I find that the work is done in nearly all of the lodges by the regular officers, and is generally very well done, and in those cases where I found any lack of efficiency I advised the holding of special meetings for drill and instructions in the work. The books of the different secretaries are, almost without exception, neatly and correctly kept, and the only fault I have to find with these officers is that very many of them are very negligent about sending the D.D.G.M. copies of the summonses for lodge meetings.

While nearly all of the lodges in this District have a very considerable membership, the attendance at the regular communications is not what it should be. This is in some measure to be attributed to members falling in arrears for dues, and consequently in every lodge I have visited I have strongly impressed on the brethren the necessity for insisting on dues being promptly paid. I have advised each lodge to appoint a small but energetic committee of one or two brethren to wait upon delinquent members in regard to their dues, and wherever this plan has been tried I have found it to work with excellent effect.

I have drawn the attention of lodges to the requirements of Grand Lodge in regard to applications for benevolence, but so far I have not had any application presented to me to report upon.

I find that in many lodges a somewhat loose system prevails in regard to vouching for visiting brethren. I have pressed upon the W.M's. and officers of lodges the necessity for more care and greater strictness both as to vouching and as to the examination of all visitors.

I think a mistake has been made in the past in instituting new lodges.

In some parts of this district there are altogether too many lodges for all of them to be prosperous. As an instance I would mention that in the north-easterly portion of the District there are five lodges within a few miles of each other, namely, Thorndale, Harriestville, Belmont, Dorchester Station, and Thamesford. As a consequence it is impossible that all of these lodges can succeed, and one in particular, Merrill Lodge, of Dorchester Station, has taken in no new material for years.

St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London : I paid an official visit to this lodge on March 5th, 1890. There was a large attendance of members. Regular officers were in their places at the opening, but the W.M. had to leave through illness before the work of the evening began. One candidate was raised, the work being done by W. Bro. Munson, P.M. The work was well done, and the lodge appears to be in an exceedingly prosperous condition, and its financial condition is good. Dues are considerably in arrears, but the brethren are taking steps to have the amount of arrears reduced.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20 : I visited this lodge on March 11th, 1890. All the regular officers were present. One candidate was initiated according to the ritual of the Irish rite. I was greatly pleased with the manner in which the work was exemplified, not only by the W.M. but by all the subordinate officers as well. I was particularly struck with the lengthy and exhaustive examination to which the candidate for advancement was subjected—an examination that spoke volumes not only for the candidate but also for his instructor. The financial condition of this lodge is sound, and it may be said to be in a flourishing condition.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London : I paid an official visit to this lodge March 20th, 1890, and although I had given them no notice of my coming I found a large attendance of members. The officers were all in their places. There was no work on hand, but the W.M. kindly volunteered to exemplify the work of the third degree for my inspection. This was the first attempt the present staff of officers had made to confer this degree, and lack of sufficient practice, as well as great nervousness on the part of some of them, prevented them from doing the work as well as I am satisfied they will do it before the end of the year. I recommended the weekly holding of lodges of instruction by the officers till the work has been thoroughly mastered.

Kilwinning has always had a good record in the past, and I have no fear that the present officers will not maintain its reputation. The lodge is in a prosperous condition in every way. Like most of the London lodges, the P. M.'s are numerous, and they do not forget their lodge duties but are pretty regularly on hand on the nights of meeting. Dues are fairly paid up, and a number of the brethren in arrears were notified to shew cause why they should not be suspended at the next meeting. Two applications were received this evening.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley, was visited 30th January, 1890. There was a good attendance present. The W. M. was in the chair, but the other officers were not present. One candidate was initiated, and the work of the W. M. was in every way satisfactory. This lodge has not done a great deal of work for several years, but they have now several applications on hand and prospects are encouraging.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London : I paid an official visit to this lodge on the evening of March 3rd, 1890, and found a large attendance both of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. I am also happy to report that I found every officer in his place. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees for my inspection, and one candidate was initiated. I spent a most pleasant and enjoyable evening with the brethren of Tuscan, particularly so from the fact that the work, not only of the W. M., but of all its officers, was most efficient. Whatever may have been the fortunes of Tuscan in the past, I have no hesitation in predicting for it a successful career so long as its chairs are filled by the present staff of officers.

Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal : I visited this lodge on the 5th November, 1889, but found that there was no work to do and that none had

been done for some years. The lodge is in a sound financial condition, has a splendid set of officers, is situate in a good district and ought to prosper, but there seems to be a lack of life and activity. I suggested to them that an effort should be made to get in some new material and make a fresh start. All that is needed, is some one to start the ball rolling and I am satisfied the present apathy of members will disappear. The lodge has a total membership of 24, and an average attendance of 10. They own their lodge room and have no debts. Dues are kept well paid up. The officers can work all the degrees. They have no applicants for relief.

Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer : Visited this lodge November 6th, 1889. There were 14 members present, a number of the brethren being away at a railway meeting. There was no work to do, and but one degree had been conferred so far during the year. I caused the lodge to be opened and closed in the three degrees, and although it was the first time that the lodge had been opened in the third degree by the present officers since their installation, they performed it in a very satisfactory manner. From my knowledge of the work done by the W. M. and S. W. in the Chapter, I can say that the work is in competent hands, and will be efficiently performed. The J. W. is also a very promising officer. The books are well kept and dues are pretty well paid up. The lodge is in a good condition financially, and they have no applications for relief. The lodge room which is being refitted is commodious and well appointed, and the prospects of the lodge are good.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Iona : Visited this lodge 8th November, 1889. It has a total membership of 37, and an average attendance of from 12 to 15. Three new members have been admitted since January, 1889. The lodge owns the lodge room in which they meet, and its financial condition is good. The Secretary's books are well and correctly kept. Dues are only fairly paid up—there being many brethren from one to two years in arrears. There were 22 brethren present at this meeting, the W. M. and Wardens filling their respective offices, but neither Deacons being present. One candidate was initiated, and I had the pleasure of congratulating the W. M. on the correctness and efficiency of his work. Indeed I may say this is one of the best worked country lodges in this district. The brethren are almost without exception active and energetic Masons who take a warm interest in their lodge, and as a consequence the lodge is in a prosperous condition. They have one widow drawing a grant from Grand Lodge.

St. John's Lodge, No. 209 (a), London : Paid an official visit to this lodge on March 27th, 1890, and found a very large attendance of brethren, there being in the neighborhood of 150 present. The officers were all in their places, and one candidate was raised to the third degree according to the ritual in use in this lodge. I cannot speak too highly of the way in which this degree was conferred both by the W. M. and his subordinate officers. 209 (a) has the largest membership of any lodge in the City of London, having some 170 members, and its roll is steadily increasing. It is hardly necessary for me to state that the lodge is prosperous financially and otherwise, as under the skilful and careful guidance of the W. M. and his officers, it could not well be otherwise, and also in view of the fact that its members are amongst the most enthusiastic Masons to be found in the district.

Sparta Lodge, No. 176 : I visited this lodge at the regular meeting on the 4th day of November, 1889, and found but few members more than a quorum present. No new blood has been infused into this lodge and therefore no degrees have been conferred within the last 3 or 4 years. While the lodge has good officers and its members are good sub-

stantial men, there seems to be a lack of life and energy in the lodge. The fact that the old members have met to do only routine business for years, shows that they have not lost interest in the work. An application was received this evening and I trust that this will be the beginning of a new order of things in this lodge, and that before the end of the year it will be found in a more prosperous condition. A great number of the members are largely in arrears for dues, and I advised appointing of a committee to wait upon the delinquents and collect all that can be collected; and that the lodge cut off by suspension the useless and cumbersome material. The officers can open and close in the three degrees. There are no persons needing relief from Grand Lodge through Sparta Lodge.

Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton: I visited this lodge on the 17th October, 1889, for the purpose of dedicating the new lodge room, a rented hall which has just been completed, and which I found to be both very commodious and well appointed. As the property of the lodge had been destroyed by fire a couple of years ago, their furniture is nearly new, of the value of \$150.00, or thereabouts, and insured. The lodge has a total membership of 31, and an average attendance of 12. Seven candidates have been initiated since 1st January, 1889. There have been no suspensions for non-payment of dues during the year, and the dues of members are well paid up. The lodge has no debts. The Secretary's books are fairly well kept. There were present at this meeting 60 brethren, of whom 20 belonged to Cameron Lodge. The work is done by the regular officers, although on this occasion the Wardens were not present. One candidate was initiated at this meeting and the degree was conferred by the W. M. in a highly creditable manner, and from the work done by the other officers who were present, from what I could learn, of the work of the Wardens, I think Cameron Lodge is to be congratulated on possessing an efficient staff of officers. I agree with the action of the brethren and of my predecessor in office, in moving the lodge from Wallacetown to Dutton, which is on the line of the M. C. R. R., and can, I think, safely predict that Cameron will henceforward be one of the most prosperous lodges in the district. This lodge requires no grant from the Benevolent Fund.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford: Visited 24th June, 1890. Books well kept; lodge owns hall, which is well furnished; fully insured; total membership, 53; average attendance, 20; seven initiations during the year: no dues in arrear over one year: work is done by the regular officers; no applications for relief. This lodge is well officered and is in a prosperous state. The officers were installed this evening by R. W. Bro. M. Walsh, G. J. W.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 378, London West: I paid an official visit to this lodge March 19th, 1890, all the officers being present, with a fair attendance of members. One candidate was raised to the third degree. The work was done in a highly creditable manner by the W. M., especially so as this was the first time he had conferred this degree. The lodge has a membership of about 60. Considerable work has been done during the past year, and the prospects for the future are most favorable as there appears to be plenty of good material coming in. They have a small but convenient and well appointed lodge room. Financial condition sound.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London East: I visited this lodge the 4th of March, 1890. There was a large attendance of members. At the opening all the regular officers were in their places, but the W. M. (Dr. Gardner) was obliged to leave to make a professional visit before the conferring of degrees began. The second degree was conferred on

one candidate by the J.P.M. The general work of the lodge is good, especially that of the S.W. Dues are fairly paid up. I had much pleasure during the evening in presenting the I.P.M. (W. Bro. Toll) with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of the lodge's appreciation of his services. The lodge meets in a rented hall in London East, which is large and convenient. The books are well kept, and the lodge's condition is in every way satisfactory. I noticed that several of the P.M's. are regular attendants, and continue to take, as they should do, an active interest in the work.

Union Lodge, No. 380, London: Visited this lodge on the 14th April, 1890, the W.M. and regular officers in the chairs. An average attendance of members present. Two candidates were initiated and one was raised. The work was performed in a very satisfactory manner, and the lodge appears to be in good hands. Like the other London lodges, they have plenty of work to do, and their prospects are good.

Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Dorchester Station: Number of members, 31; average attendance, 8. No degrees during the year, nor for three years. Dues pretty well paid up, except those of past year. There has been some trouble in blackballing, and brethren are afraid to bring in applications. Lodge owns hall. No debts. Furniture paid for. Prospects are not bright for active work.

Moffatt Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville, Ont.: I called a meeting of this lodge for June 25th, but could not get a quorum on account of regular meeting the previous evening. This lodge is doing very fair work and prospects are good.

Belmont Lodge, No. 190: Total membership, 23; average attendance little more than a quorum. One initiation in last year. Dues considerably in arrears. A number were suspended two years ago owing large amounts. Lodge owns hall valued at \$1,200, and owes \$400 on it. No other debts. Insurance \$1,000. W.M. can confer all the degrees. No applications for relief. 12 members in arrears for dues more than a year.

Springfield D, No. 259, Springfield: It has been impossible to get a meeting of this lodge this year, and there has been no meeting since May, 1889. There have been no officers installed since 1886. Total membership, 23; amount of dues in arrears, over \$150. It seems to me in the face of this state of facts, it is time Grand Lodge took some action in the matter.

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas: This is my mother lodge, and I attended most of the meetings during the year. The officers of the lodge are well skilled and capable craftsmen, and are fully competent to perform all the duties of their respective offices. The present W. M. is V. W. Samuel Dubber, one of the Grand Stewards. Degrees have been conferred every regular meeting during the year, and several emergent meetings have had to be called in order to keep up with the work. I installed the officers on December 27th, 1889, and at the same time had the pleasure of presenting the retiring W.M., Henry Bradshaw, with a Past Master's Jewel. W. Bro. Bradshaw had been two years in the chair and had proved himself to be one of the best Masters the lodge ever had. The financial condition of the lodge is good. It has no debts, and has to its credit in the bank, \$305. The dues are fairly well paid up. Total membership, 106; average attendance, 30. There have been 8 candidates initiated, 8 passed, and 11 raised during the year.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas: Visited in October, 1889. Regular officers in their places, and one candidate initiated. This

lodge has had all the work it could do during the year, and much good material has been taken in. W.M., V.W. Bro. Hess, P.G.S., is an old P.M. of this lodge who has been re-elected for the ensuing year. The work is well done by the regular officers. The lodge is now in a good financial condition, and has had a most successful year.

In conclusion I have to thank the officers and brethren of the different lodges in the district for the uniform courtesy shown me on the occasions of my official visits, and I trust that the harmony and prosperity which exists in most of the lodges in this district may long continue.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. B. DOHERTY, D.D.G.M.

London District, No. 3.

St. Thomas, 30th June, 1890.

#### SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 4.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—

I have the honor to present to you my second report on the condition of Masonry in the Fourth Masonic District.

Having been elected to the honorable position of District Deputy Grand Master for the second time at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, held at Owen Sound, I have endeavoured to discharge the duties pertaining to the office to the best of my ability, and I hope satisfactory to all concerned.

I have visited all the lodges in the district once (except Craig, No. 214), and several of them twice during the year, and I am pleased to be able to state that there is a marked improvement in each lodge visited. The work of the officers, as a whole, is done much better than last year, and the members generally are more zealous and enthusiastic.

I endeavored this year to visit all the lodges, at their regular meetings, and succeeded in doing so with all, except Tecumseh of Stratford. This lodge I intended to visit at its regular meeting on June 5th, but that being election day, the brethren advised me to put off my visit and call an emergent meeting at a later date, which I did.

When visiting many of the lodges, I was accompanied by brethren from Stratford, Mitchell, Goderich, Seaforth, and other places, for which I am heartily thankful. This shows the interest many of the brethren belonging to these places take in furthering the interests of Masonry.

#### DEATHS.

Many of our brethren in this district have passed away to rest during the last year. Among the number, I regret to say, was R. W. Bro. D. McG. Malloch, Past Grand Registrar, and Past Grand Superintendent of the Chapter. I have no hesitation in saying that this brother spent more time, money and talent in the cause of Masonry than any other brother in the district. He was a model Mason and a model man, and died, I believe, without an enemy in the world. Long will he be missed by all who had the honor of his acquaintance. The large attendance of Masons at the funeral from all the lodges in the vicinity, as well as many hundreds of people not belonging to the craft, was ample proof of the esteem in which he was held.

Another worthy brother in the person of Rev. T. W. Magahy, Pastor of the English Church, St. Marys, has passed the bourne whence no traveller returns. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him, as a good Christian and a good Mason. I hope Grand Lodge will preserve the memories of these brethren.

Many others have died whose names have not been reported to me.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

I granted a dispensation to Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth, for the purpose of attending Divine Service clothed as Masons on the 29th of June. No other dispensations have been granted by me during the year.

The following is a brief account of my official visits, with dates and comments :

Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton : Visited this lodge at a regular meeting held September 27th. Only 12 members were present. The officers absent were the W. M. and Jr. W. The cause being sickness in their families, I consequently took the chair, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and raised a candidate, Bro. Moon, who was well skilled in the former degrees. I was kindly received and shown every respect.

Lebanon, Forest Lodge, No. 133, Exeter : In company with W. Bro. Fear, of Seaforth, I visited this lodge on the 15th Oct. 27 were present, 3 being visitors. The W. M., S. W. and S. D., were all the officers present, the others were detained through sickness and other causes. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and two candidates were raised. The work was done fairly well by the officers present. I visited this lodge a second time, March 31st, when 2 candidates were raised, and the work well done ; 20 members and 5 visitors were at this meeting, and a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent by all. A number of the brethren of Britannia Lodge, Seaforth, accompanied me on this visit. The brethren of this lodge have secured a new hall, the only change of this kind made in the district this year. The rent of this hall is much lower than that of the old one, and is very comfortable. This lodge is now doing very well, and ere long will be in as good a position financially as any lodge in the district.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, Smith's Hill : This lodge I visited on the 27th of December, and witnessed the opening and closing of the lodge in all the degrees, and the installation of the new officers by the retiring Master, W. Bro. McKenzie, the work being done in a very creditable manner. This lodge is in a prosperous condition, and among the best in the district.

New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, Hamburg : Visited this lodge at a regular meeting held Feb. 10th. The W. M. had removed to Windsor previous to my visit. Past Master Allan occupied the chair. The lodge was opened and closed in all the degrees, the work being done fairly well. Financially this lodge is in good shape, but it has not done any work for some time, except the regular routine of opening and closing. No candidates have been initiated during the last year.

St. James' Lodge, No. 73, St Marys : Visited this lodge March 3rd at a regular meeting ; 26 members and 3 visitors were present. A new Master was in the East, and initiated a candidate. He was a little nervous, but did his work exceedingly well. The other officers were also well posted. This lodge has improved very much since my visit to it last year, as will be seen by referring to the tabulated statement at the end of this report. There are a number of able, energetic members belonging to St. James' who are bound to make it prosper.

Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall : Accompanied by the W.M., S.W., J.W. and two other members of Britannia Lodge, Seaforth, I visited this lodge at a regular meeting, March 6th. The number of members present was not large, but sufficient to carry on the work. This lodge has been in a lethargic state for a long time. Last year 2 new members were admitted, and one or two brethren affiliated who took great interest in the work, and at the end of the year were placed in office. Since then I rendered them all the assistance I could, and this, combined with their own energy, has enabled the officers to become well posted, so that now they are doing good work, and what is better, they are getting plenty of it to do, several new members being admitted this year. I speak for this lodge a prosperous future. V.W. Bro. Benedict is now the W.M., and is sparing no trouble to further the interests of the lodge.

Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford : Paid my official visit to this lodge March 10th, at a regular meeting. This is the youngest lodge in the District, but is doing excellent work, and is one of the best. Two candidates received the third degree on the evening of my visit, all the officers doing their work well. The attendance was large, and an enjoyable and profitable evening was spent.

Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich : Visited this, the oldest lodge in the District, March 11th, at a regular meeting. New officers had been elected since my previous visit. The W.M. conferred the second degree in a very efficient manner, and the S.W. gave the lecture on the T.B., and also the charge from memory without a miss. The other officers also did very well. The attendance was large and orderly.

Doric Lodge, No. 233, Park Hill : Visited this lodge at a regular meeting on April 1st. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, the work being well done and criticisms freely given. Here I had the pleasure of meeting the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Armstrong, and hearing him deliver his celebrated address on Masonry. I assure you it was an intellectual treat, and those who heard it were delighted. A very large number was present, and a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent by all.

Blyth Lodge, No. 303, Blyth : I visited this lodge at a regular meeting on April 8th. It was rather late before business began, as the members were late in coming. Owing to some repairing being done to their hall we were compelled to meet in the Town Hall, the lodge having obtained liberty to meet there for that night. The officers were all present except the treasurer and stewards. The third degree was exemplified by Past Master Carder. The work was almost perfect. I have seldom seen this degree conferred better.

Wilmot Lodge, No. 318, Baden : Visited this lodge April 11th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. P. D. D. G. M. McLellan, and Bro. McKellar, of Stratford. The evening was spent in opening and closing the lodge in the three degrees. The work of the officers was done fairly well. This lodge is doing well, and the brethren belonging to it are very sociable and kind. Members present, 11 ; visitors 5.

Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell : Visited April 29th, at a regular meeting. The W. M. was attending College at Montreal, and the chair was taken by P. M. Elliott, who is well skilled in every part of the work. The lodge having no particular work to do, the evening was spent exemplifying parts of the work and criticising the same. The officers are all well posted. This is one of our banner lodges, and some of the best skilled Masons in the district belong to it. The attendance was not large.

Irving Lodge, No. 154, Lucan : On May 1st I visited this lodge.

The W.M., Bro. C. C. Hodgins, conferred the third degree, and did his work exceedingly well. The I.G. also performed his part of the work very satisfactory to me. The other officers also did fairly well, but not quite equal to the two mentioned. This lodge is composed of a number of pushing, sociable and energetic Masons, who spare neither time nor means to improve their lodge. 24 members and 8 visitors were present.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford: Visited June 12th, at an emergent meeting. The lodge was opened and closed in first and second degrees, and the latter were exemplified by the regular officers. The work was exceedingly well done by all. I never saw the second degree conferred better than on this occasion. This is an excellent lodge, and it has amongst its members several of the leading lights in South Huron District. The attendance was very large.

Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth: This being the lodge to which I belong, I visited it very often. The membership is large and the officers well skilled. Our W.M. having moved to St. Paul, Minn., the work is being done by the Past Masters. This lodge is in a good, healthy condition, and has a large number of very enthusiastic members. The officers are all well posted, and all take pride in giving all the information they can to new members.

Craig Lodge, No. 214, Ailsa Craig: I did not succeed in getting a meeting at this place, notwithstanding that I went to see some of the leading members when on my way to Parkhill. I spent an hour or two with them, and thought, when I left them, that they would be ready to receive me in a few weeks. After waiting a reasonable time I wrote to the W.M. and Secretary regarding a meeting, but could not get a satisfactory answer from either, in fact got no reply at all, but only the promise of one. I had strong hopes last year that this lodge would rally, but all hope of that has now disappeared. As I have to send a special report of all weak lodges to you, I shall simply recommend that the charter of this lodge be withdrawn.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION.

The books in all the lodges are in excellent order, having been neatly and properly kept, but a few of the secretaries are still negligent in sending notices of meetings to the D.D.G.M.

The W.M's. in all the lodges are, without exception, able to perform their duties satisfactorily and well.

In conclusion I desire to express my sincere thanks to the M.W. the Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, for their kindness and advice, which they gave so freely whenever asked. I also wish to the officers and brethren of all the lodges in the district my unfeigned thanks for the courtesy, kindness and hospitality shown to me at all times. I can never forget their kind and friendly acts, and only hope that mine have received their approval. I retire from this honourable position, which, through the courtesy of the lodges in this district, I have held for two years, feeling that the condition of our noble Order is constantly improving in South Huron. Harmony, peace, good will and a brotherly feeling exist throughout the district, and I hope that my successor may be able to advance the interest of Masonry more rapidly and more satisfactorily than I have done, that when his term of office is ended he may retire with the good will of all the members in the district and an excellent record as an official.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. G. DUFF, D.D.G.M.

Seaforth, June 30th, 1890.

South Huron District, No. 4.

## RETURNS SHOWING THE STANDING OF EACH LODGE IN DISTRICT NO. 4 FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 24, 1890.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location of Lodge.	Member-ship.			Degrees Conferred.			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignation.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Regular.	Diligent.	Meetings held.		Amount Paid for Relief.	Number of members over 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Up to what date have Grand Lodge Returns been sent in.	State of Lodge Financially.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all the Degrees.	Insurance.
			Total Number of all Members.	Increase During Year.	Decrease During Year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.								Total.	Average attendance of Members.								
33	Maitland .....	Goderich .....	84	0	1	3	2	2	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	12	15	\$47 00	22	\$200 00	Jun. 24, 1890	Good	Good	Yes	\$500 00
73	St. James .....	St. Marys .....	63	7	1	6	4	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	12	16	50 00	2	10 00	Dec. 27, 1889	Fair	Fair	Yes	900 00
84	Clinton .....	Clinton .....	66	6	0	9	10	8	2	0	4	0	6	1	1	14	15	0	16	108 75	Dec. 27, 1889	Fair	Very Fr	Yes	0
133	Lebanon Forest .....	Exeter .....	76	8	0	11	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	13	25	4 00	14	165 00	Jun. 24, 1890	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
141	Tudor .....	Mitchell .....	37	2	5	2	2	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	11	17	0	8	No ans.	Dec. 27, 1889	Fair	Good	Yes	Yes...
144	Teunmshel .....	Stratford .....	74	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	12	16	25 00	15	176 00	Jun. 24, 1890	Good	Good	Yes	Yes...
154	Irving .....	Lacuan .....	60	7	3	4	4	4	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	13	15	0	26	189 00	Dec. 27, 1889	Good	Good	Yes	0
170	Brianna .....	Seaford .....	81	5	2	5	5	4	0	None	Two	1	0	0	0	14	20	9 00	4	No ans.	Jun. 24, 1890	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
205	New Dominion .....	New Hamburg .....	29	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	13	10	0	10	No ans.	June, 1-88	Fair	Fair	No ans.	300 09
24	Craig .....	Ailsa Craig .....	17	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	10	6	50 00	No ans.	No ans.	June, 1-88	Good	Good	Yes	No ans.
224	Zurich .....	Hensall .....	29	0	3	3	2	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	11	12	0	13	87 50	June, 15-9	Good	Fair	Yes	450 00
233	Doric .....	Parkhill .....	39	2	5	1	1	1	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	5	4	9 14	0	No ans.	Dec. 27, 1889	Very G'd	Fair	Yes	No ans.
303	Blyth .....	Blyth .....	48	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	10	15	0	17	76 50	Jun. 24, 1890	No Debt	Fair	Yes	Yes...
309	Morning Star .....	Smith's Hill .....	35	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	8 11	18	48 64	Jun. 24, 1890	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
318	Whitot .....	Baden .....	33	1	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	10	10	0	3	30 25	Jun. 24, 1890	Very G'd	Fair	Yes	100 00
332	Stratford .....	Stratford .....	35	0	1	3	3	3	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	13	14	20 95	3	30 25	Jun. 24, 1890	Very G'd	Fair	Yes	100 00

## NORTH HURON DISTRICT No. 5.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have the honour to submit this, my first Annual Report on the condition of Masonry in the Fifth Masonic District.

There are in this district 15 lodges, and, during the year just closed, I have visited officially every lodge excepting one; and, generally, I have found the lodge-rooms comfortable and the furniture well adapted for the proper exemplification of the beautiful work of our Order, which, in almost every case, is carried out in strict conformity to that required by Grand Lodge.

I commenced to visit the lodges in the district in which I have the honour to represent the Grand Master, on 12th November, 1889.

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton: I made my official visit to this lodge on 12th November, 1889. It was their regular meeting and, although a wet evening, there were 23 members present, with 4 Past Masters and 3 visiting brethren. Among the latter I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, of Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto. The lodge room is neatly furnished. An inventory is kept, and furniture fully insured. I examined the books carefully and found them satisfactory in every particular, and was agreeably surprised to find only \$28.25 dues on the books to the close of the year, certainly a very creditable showing—a worthy example for every lodge in the district. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, and Bro. Astley was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The work was ably performed by the W. M., W. Bro. Hughes, assisted by R. W. Bro. Gunn, and W. Bro. Telford; in fact all the officers did their work in a very efficient manner. I can heartily endorse the statement of my predecessor, in his report of 1888, in which he says that in every respect this lodge is the model one of the district.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton: I visited this lodge officially on 3rd December, 1889, their regular meeting. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Campbell, and Bro. Start, of Maple Leaf Lodge, Tara. Although it was a very fine evening there were only 13 members present and 3 visitors. The only business was election of officers. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. There was no exemplification of the work. As I have had an opportunity on several occasions of seeing the several degrees conferred, I did not deem it necessary to have the work exemplified on this occasion. The work is always fairly done. I examined the books carefully and regret to report a large arrearage of dues, some \$143. This lodge has been burdened with a debt for several years. I strongly recommend having the dues collected promptly. I have since had a conversation with the W. M. and he informed me that the lodge, in this particular, was in much better standing. The lodge room is very commodious and comfortable. Under the watchful care and Masonic zeal of W. Bros. Irwin, McKim and Walmesley, and the unanimity which prevails among the brethren, I am led to hope that Cedar Lodge will, ere long, occupy a prominent place among the lodges of the district.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara: Was visited by me in my official capacity on (St. John's Day) 27th December, 1889. There was a large number present, 27 members in all, including five Past Masters. I was

pleased to meet the officers elect from Forest Lodge, Chesley, who were present to have their officers installed. The W.M., assisted by his own officers, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. As this is the lodge of which I am a member, and having had several opportunities of witnessing the work done, I did not request its exemplification at this time. I examined the books and found them only fair, a large amount of lodge dues in arrears, several members being over twelve months behind. This lodge has an excellent room, well appointed and nicely furnished, and is kept fully insured. There is no inventory kept. The lodge is in a fair condition financially. On the whole the outlook is bright. Membership is 43.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton: I visited this lodge on Tuesday, 21st January, 1890. I drove over, accompanied by W. Bro. Macdonald. The night was one of the roughest during the winter, and having to face the storm all the road made the journey very unpleasant. At Southampton I found the brethren much surprised to see me, thinking the storm would have detained me. However, the brethren, to the number of 13, quickly assembled, when the W.M. and his officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and then opened in the first degree and initiated a candidate. From the manner in which the opening, closing, and initiatory ceremonies were conducted, I am convinced that from time to time the work is very well done. Several questions were asked and answered. I was informed that this lodge had not had an official visit from a D.D.G.M. for seven years; and from information which I had received as to the standing of this lodge, I was more than surprised to find it in such a prosperous condition. They own the building in which the lodge meets; are free from debt and are contemplating reducing their annual dues. The lodge meets only during the winter season in consequence of most of the members being engaged on the lakes and in the fisheries. I was much pleased to meet old friends in the persons of W. Bros. Lindsay, Nokes, and Dundas. The future of this lodge is a bright one.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley: I visited this lodge officially on 21st January, 1890. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Macdonald. There were 14 members present. The lodge was opened in the three degrees and closed down to the first, when the work of initiation was exemplified. The S.W. was absent, but his place was ably filled by W. Bro. Richardson, P.M. The work was fairly well done. Several questions were asked and replied to. The lodge room is small, but quite ample for the attendance, which during the year was, on the average, 11. The lodge dues have been reduced since the report of my predecessor in 1888, still, too large an amount is due. The books are well kept and the lodge property is well insured. I recommended several improvements to the W.M. in connection with the working of the lodge.

Northern Light, No. 93, Kincardine: I made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of their regular meeting, 5th February, 1890. There was a very large attendance, there being 49 members and 17 visitors present, the latter hailing from Harriston, Palmerston, Listowel, Brussels, Toronto and Lucknow. There was, by far, the largest number of brethren that I met upon the occasion of my official visits. The lodge was opened in the first, second and third degrees, and then closed down to the first, when a candidate was initiated. The degree was conferred by the W. M. and his regular officers. The work was very efficiently done, the J. W. giving the lecture of an E. A. degree without a mistake. This lodge is, financially and numerically, the strongest one in the district, owing, as it does, a fine property centrally

situated, and numbering on its roll over 100 members. I was particularly struck with the unanimity and zeal of the members of this lodge. The lodge books were exemplary in every particular, an inventory is kept and the lodge furniture is fully insured. This lodge is destined to be second to none, under its present management.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton: Visited this lodge on 6th February, 1890. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Martyn, W. Bro. A. E. Barber, and three other brethren from Kincardine. This was an emergency meeting, and although their regular meeting was on the 4th (two nights previous), there were 14 members present. There was no regular work on hand. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, the third was exemplified by the W. M. and his subordinate officers. I was surprised at the proficiency of the work done by the W. M., he being only six weeks in the chair. The Wardens had their work fairly well up. A good deal of discussion was engaged in in a friendly manner, and much information imparted, which, I trust, will produce lasting results. I regret that I cannot report any improvement in regard to lodge dues since report of 1888, as there was on the books the sum of \$143.00 in arrears, at the time of my visit. The average attendance of members is 15; total membership, 59. Under the rule of W. Bro. Henders, W. M., I am confident that Bruce Lodge will prosper.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow: I visited this lodge on 3rd April, 1890, their regular meeting. There were 13 members present, of whom 3 were Past Masters. The lodge was opened in the three degrees. There was a brother raised to the third degree. The W. M. and his Wardens were in their chairs. Comparing the lodge at this time with its standing in 1888 (as per report of my predecessor, R. W. Bro. E. E. Wade), I am very much pleased to note a marked improvement in its working. The degree was well done by the W. M. and his Wardens. The books are well kept. The hall is owned by the brethren, but it is, unfortunately, situated quite a distance from the business centre of the village. Lodge dues \$85 in arrears. Cash on hand, over \$100. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Martyn, V. W. Bro. E. Miller, W. Bros. Barber and Macpherson, of Northern Light Lodge, who came down to attend the meeting. A great number of questions were asked, and I trust my visit will be productive of much good.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter: I visited this lodge on 24th February, 1890. Emergency meeting. There were 12 members present. The W. M. filled the chair; W. Bro. P. M. Small occupied the chair of the S.W.; the J.W. was present. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. From the Grand Lodge Report of 1888, I find that this lodge has not been in a good state of working for some years past. The time was occupied by me in giving general instructions. The W. M. is efficient in his work, but, from my observation, I am led to believe that he does not receive that support that he ought to from the other officers and members. I examined the books and found them efficiently kept. Lodge dues in arrears, nearly \$70, with a cash balance on hand of over \$100. I strongly advised having the dues collected *at once*, then take steps to have the annual dues reduced. The lodge has not met regularly. They have a nice comfortable lodge room, but on account of the proximity of the lodges in this vicinity, the prospects are not bright. I am thoroughly convinced that there are too many lodges in this locality.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham: Visited this lodge on 25th February, 1890; emergent communication; 14 members in attendance, 3 of those being Past Masters. The first degree was exemplified by the W.M. and his Wardens, the work being very well done. I was

somewhat grieved to learn that in such a flourishing town as Wingham Masonry had made such little progress. This lodge had a membership of 46 a few years ago, which number has been reduced to 26. The reasons assigned for this are, removals and suspensions for non-payment of dues. Upon reference to last report I find there were 26 members—present membership, 28—an increase of 2 in over two years' time. I examined carefully the books of Bro. Secretary, and must give credit where it is due. I consider there is not a more efficient secretary than W. Bro. J. A. Morton in this district. There was but the sum of \$15 dues in arrears; one of the best lodges in the district in this respect. The position of the lodge at present is not very encouraging.

St. John's, No. 284, Brussels: I visited this lodge in my official capacity on 15th April, 1890; an emergency meeting. There were 19 members present, including 3 Past Masters. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. The W.M., his Wardens, and subordinate officers were in their places. The third degree was conferred on 2 candidates, and in all my visits I have not seen the degree more correctly given than it was on this occasion. In one particular the candidates are worthy of special mention—they had their answers and obligations perfectly, a practice which I would like to see followed by the other lodges in the district. The books of the secretary are well kept. In the person of V.W. Bro. Shaw this lodge may well be proud of their secretary. While it is my duty to give praise where it is due, I cannot overlook the matter of lodge dues. This lodge is far behind in this respect. At the time of my visit there was \$92 in arrears. Cash on hand, \$111.25. I strongly advised having the dues collected, which I am pleased to learn has been attended to, and dues materially reduced. Lodge furniture is kept fully insured. The prospects of this lodge are certainly very encouraging.

Bernard Lodge, No. 325, Listowel: Visited this lodge on 16th April, 1890; emergency meeting. There were 23 members present, including 4 Past Masters, rather a small attendance for the membership, but in consequence of this being their Show Day, it prevented a number of the members, who were merchants, being present. During the day I went over the books carefully with the secretary, and found them in a terrible state, minutes being incorrectly recorded, and lodge dues badly behind, over \$100 in arrears. In speaking to the W.M. on this subject, he informed me that it was largely owing to the negligence of the late secretaries. He promised me to have an effort made to put the books in a better shape and have the dues collected. I feel satisfied that the present secretary, assisted by the W.M., will soon remove this ground of complaint. The lodge room is commodious and neatly furnished. It is the largest room in the district. Furniture fully insured. The work for the evening was an initiation. The W.M. present with the Wardens. The work was well done by each officer. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. There were a few inaccuracies which were pointed out. I found a general desire on the part of all to have the work well up and in accordance with the ritual of Grand Lodge. Before closing my report in connection with this lodge, I have to express my sincere thanks to W.M., W. Bro. Watson, for his many acts of kindness shown me on this occasion as well as on my other official visits in the southern portion of my district. I feel warranted in believing that Bernard Lodge will continue to prosper under his rule.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich: Visited 17th April, 1890, emergency meeting. W. Bro. Watson drove me over to this village, which we reached at 4 p. m. This lodge is only six miles from Wroxeter, and

has a membership of 26, twelve of whom were present at this meeting, among the number being two Past-Masters. The most of the members live a distance from the lodge. The lodge-room is very small, but well furnished. I examined the books and found them well kept. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, the work being very well done. I did not request an exemplification of the work in consequence of a disputed question requiring settlement coming up and occupying a large portion of the time. I was applied to for my ruling in the matter, and, after it was given, the whole matter was amicably settled. The W. M. W. Bro. A. Hutchison, is an enthusiastic Mason, and his efforts are ably seconded by his subordinate officers. The lodge dues are far behind, although I understand an effort is being put forth to collect them. This lodge has many zealous and kind-hearted members. I shall never forget their kindness, from the fact, that although a perfect stranger among them, I was most cordially received. One of the brethren, Bro. Brown, kindly volunteered to drive me over to Harriston after 11 o'clock, p. m., a distance of 10 miles, in order that I might catch the early train for home, an act of self-denial I shall not soon forget.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley : I visited this lodge on 6th May, 1890. Although the nearest lodge to my home, it was the last visited. I drove over accompanied by W. Bros. Macdonald and Campbell, and Bros. Wilson and Hamilton. This was the regular meeting of the lodge. Fourteen members present, including three Past-Masters. The W. M. W. Bro. C. J. Mickle, in the East, with his Wardens and other officers in their respective positions. I was very much pleased to see the brethren occupying such fine premises. Their hall is very inviting and nicely furnished. In the great fire of 1887, which nearly destroyed the entire village, and almost cost the life of the present W. M., the brethren lost everything. They have occupied their present premises only a little over a year, and have furnishings upon which they have an insurance of \$500.00, on which there is only \$100.00 encumbrance. This is surely an evidence of Masonic energy and zeal on the part of the brethren seldom surpassed. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. A candidate was then initiated. It has never been my privilege to see the work better done than on this occasion. The work in opening and closing was also well done. The books are well kept. I sincerely trust that Forest Lodge will go on and prosper as it is now doing.

Teesewater Lodge, No. 276, Teesewater: This Lodge was not visited by me for the following reasons:—I wrote the lodge through their W. M. on 15th February, 1890, advising them of official visit on 28th of that month, and on the 19th received the following reply:—

"In reply to your letter of 15th inst., I am sorry to inform you that our lodge is not in working order at present. The lodge has not been in good working order for some years past and the Craft and I thought the best thing to do, owing to our finances being low, was to give up our lodge-room for six months or so and then call the brethren together and try and put new life into the lodge. Therefore it will be impossible for us to receive you in your official capacity. I will see the brethren and try and arrange to meet you at Wingham or Wroxeter.

"(Signed) H. W. CARTER, W.M."

I tried to arrange an interview with the W. M. and some of the brethren when at Wroxeter and Wingham, but failed. I then called the W. M. up by telephone while in Wingham, and learned from him that there were only 11 members in good standing, and that the lodge was in very bad shape generally. I tried later on to meet a representation from the lodge, but it likewise proved a slip. These are the facts as to the condition of Masonry in this lodge, and I leave the matter in

the hands of the Grand Lodge to deal with, in such a manner as they, in their wisdom, see fit.

The expenses of the D. D., G. M., (with two exceptions), have been promptly met by every lodge in the District.

There have been two deaths in the district in the past year, reported to me : Bro. John Sutherland, J. W., of Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel, who was buried with Masonic honors, and Bro. John Robertson, member of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara, whose funeral I attended. Although this district is the smallest in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, as regards number of lodges, its area covers about 3,450 square miles. When I accepted the honorable position of D. D. G. M., which was so kindly and unanimously offered me by the brethren at Owen Sound last year, I fully resolved to fill the position, as far as my ability and time would permit, with honor to the Craft and satisfaction to the members of the district. If I have been able to attain this object, I will feel fully compensated for the time and energy which I have spent.

In conclusion, I have only to remark that, wherever I have gone throughout the district, I have met with the heartiest and most generous welcome from each and every lodge, and I ask the brethren in whatever they see that I have failed, to extend to me the benefit of their Masonic charity, and believe that, at all events, I have tried to do my best to forward the interests of the Craft in general.

I have especially to thank R. W. Bros. Martyn, Gunn, Wade, and Creasor, for their kindness in assisting me in my work during the past year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. C. BRUCE, D. D. G. M.  
No. 5 Masonic District.

Tara, 28th June, 1890.

APPENDIX TO RETURN OF NORTH HURON MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 5, FROM JUNE 15, 1889, TO JUNE 15, 1890.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Member-ship.			Degrees Conferred.			Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings Held.			Amount Paid for Relief.	Number of Members 12 Months in Arrears.	Total of All Arrearages.	Date of Last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. Work All Degrees?	Insurance.
			Total Number of all Members.	Increase During Year.	Decrease During Year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.						Regular.	Emergent.	Total.								
93	Northern Light.	Kinardine.	101	11	11	7	9	2	3	1	4			14	6	20	\$140 00	16	\$175 00	Dec. 27, 1889	G	G	Yes	Yes
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton.	36	6		4	3	4	1	1				6	6	12		7	156 00	"	"	G	Yes	Yes
162	Forest.	Wroxeter	25			4	3	4	1	1				6	1	7	12	13	72 00	"	"	M	Yes	Yes
184	Old Light.	Lucknow	41	2		4	4	2	2	1				13	13	13	13	13	30 00	"	"	F	Yes	Yes
197	Saugen.	Wakerton	49	8	1	4	4	3	4	1	1			13	13	17		1	3 00	"	"	G	Yes	Yes
225	Bernard.	Dastowel	76	3	6	3	3	1	5	4				21	13	4	17	24	106 00	"	"	F	Yes	Yes
235	Aldworth.	Paisley	37	1		3	3	1	1	1				9	9	10	12	9	87 00	"	"	F	Yes	Yes
276	Teeswater.	Teeswater	12	11		7	6	6	1	3	6			9	3	1	4	2	9 00	"	"	M	Yes	Yes
281	St. Johns	Brussels	35	7	10	2	2	2	1	2				1	12	6	13	12	97 00	"	"	G	Yes	Yes
286	Wingham.	Wingham	28	1		2	2	2	1	2				7	3	10	12	2	23 00	"	"	F	No.	No.
331	Fordwich.	Fordwich	63	5	13	6	5	6	1	3	9			10	2	12	15	8	21 00	"	"	F	Yes	Yes
341	Bruce	Tiverton.	46	6	1	3	3	2	2	3				11	13	2	15	18	63 00	"	"	G	Yes	Yes
362	Maple Leaf.	Tara	39	1		3	3	1	2	1				12	12	12		12	23 00	"	"	F	Yes	Yes
393	Forest	Chesley	52	10		8	3	3	1	2				1	9	5	14	15	73 00	"	"	G	No.	Yes
396	Cedar	Warton																		"	"	G	No.	Yes

Under the headings "Financial Standing" and "Prospects of Lodge" the abbreviations G., F., M. and M., stand for "Good," "Fair," "Medium," and "Below Medium."

## WILSON DISTRICT, No. 6.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Wilson District, No. 6, for the year 1889-90.

On assuming the duties and responsibilities of District Deputy Grand Master, my first official act was the appointment of W. Bro. J. W. Rippon, W. M., of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock, as District Secretary.

I have had the pleasure of visiting officially every lodge in active work in the district, besides repeating visits to several of the lodges on matters of special interest. My observations on the condition of the Craft throughout the district, may be summarized as follows :

## ATTENDANCE.

As my professional duties leave me free during the month of August, I began my official visits that month in order to reach some distant points. The lodges visited first—Port Burwell and Port Rowan—were thus taken at a disadvantage, but, notwithstanding this, the meetings were fairly well attended, most of the officers being in their places. As a rule I had well attended meetings in all my visits to the lodges, and very rarely met with complaints regarding the absence of the officers. Not only was this the case on the occasion of my official visits, but I found on examination of Lodge Registers that the average attendance was in nearly all cases very satisfactory.

## MEMBERSHIP.

It is particularly gratifying to be able to state that the membership of the district is steadily gaining, in some of the lodges the increase for the year being very marked. It is also very pleasing to know that the material brought in has been of the very best quality. In this connection I may mention that some lodges have not complied with the Constitution in neglecting to forward copies of notice of all meetings, so as to enable me to keep myself informed as to the amount of work done by them.

## EFFICIENCY OF OFFICERS.

In all the lodges, with the exception of three, I enjoyed the pleasure of seeing at least one degree exemplified, in a few of seeing two. In those in which degrees were not exemplified, the lodges were opened and closed in the three degrees very creditably, and the questions given to candidates on examination before passing and raising were asked the brethren and answered satisfactorily. In these lodges I have reason to believe that the conferring of degrees is quite up to the average. In two lodges I found Masters adhering to the old ritual, but doing the work fairly well. I hope that my suggestions to have uniformity, kindly given, will be so received and acted upon. In all others the exemplification of our beautiful ritual was most satisfactory—in not a few, in fact, the work is absolutely correct, and will stand the scrutiny of the most searching criticism. I have found, as a rule, that the books of the lodges were creditably kept, indeed, in a number the records are models of neatness and correctness. In one case I found a secretary whose tenure of office is perhaps somewhat unique—having held the office for nineteen years. I refer to Bro. W. Ewart, Secretary of St. John's No. 68, Ingersoll.

## PAYMENT OF DUES.

As a rule the payment of dues is fairly satisfactory. In some lodges, however, dues have been left outstanding too long, and have increased to such an amount that great difficulty will be experienced in collecting them, if in many cases it can be done at all. I have strongly urged on these lodges the necessity of strictly enforcing their by-laws, and of suspending members able but unwilling to pay—in the event of any being unable to pay to remit at once their dues. In the matter of prompt payment of dues, I must award the palm to Plattsville, No. 178, and Oak Branch, No. 261, Innerkip, there being at the time of my official visit only about \$12 of arrearages, and all good. I mention these facts as an incentive to other lodges to reduce their outstanding dues to the minimum, laxity in this respect being one of the most fruitful sources of suspensions.

## LODGE ROOMS.

These ought to be classified as follows: (a) Excellent; (b) Average; (c) Below Average. In each class are to be found lodge halls in the district. Of course it cannot be expected that a lodge in a small village, with but a limited attendance, can have the expensive hall that one much stronger and in a larger town can have. Still, even in small places, lodge halls externally, as well as internally, can be made attractive. When lodges are held in wooden buildings these should be painted outside as well as inside, and made presentable and in keeping with the standing and reputation of the fraternity. Many of the lodge rooms are very fine, spacious, and well equipped for the purpose intended. The following lodges are owners of their halls: Burford, No. 106; Walsingham, No. 174, Port Rowan; Vienna, No. 237; Oak Branch, No. 261, Innerkip.

## DORMANT LODGES.

Two lodges, Blenheim, No. 108, Drumbo, and Langton, No. 335, have not held a meeting for years. With respect to the former I have hopes that it will be resuscitated during next year, and that it will soon regain its old time vigor. As regards the latter, judging from all that I have learned from brethren of the lodge and from neighboring brethren, there is little to encourage the revival of this lodge. I have been credibly informed that there are not a half dozen brethren left who manifest any interest in its resuscitation. I would then advise a withdrawal of the charter forthwith. This course, so far as I can learn, would be more satisfactory to the few there who are still attached to the Order, and who would no doubt affiliate with the adjoining lodges.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

Four lodges in this district have adopted by-laws enabling brethren, on the payment of a certain sum, to become life members. King Hiram, No. 37, Ingersoll, adopted such by-laws this year and had them submitted to the M.W. the Grand Master for examination and approval. I am of opinion that this is an excellent provision, and if generally adopted would greatly strengthen our lodges numerically and financially.

## INSTALLATIONS.

I had the pleasure of installing the officers of one-third of the lodges of the district. The installation ceremonies were all well attended. As an instance I may mention that at Oxford, No. 76, Woodstock, no fewer than 26 P.M's. were present. It is a matter of special gratification to me to be able to state that brethren well qualified to fill the responsible positions of officers of these lodges have been selected. In

two lodges, Norfolk, No. 10, Simcoe, and St. John's, No. 104, Norwich, the W.M's. were re-elected. I have in every lodge strongly advised the brethren to be extremely cautious in the election of officers, more especially in that of the W.M., and, excepting in cases where there was an abundance of excellent material, have favored the continuance in office for at least a second term, of a well-skilled and successful Worshipful Master.

#### DEATHS.

During the year three deaths have been reported to me, viz., Bro. J. Whitman, Burford, No. 106; Bro. Dr. G. W.A. Ross, King Solomon's, No. 43, Woodstock; and Bro. Dr. H. M. McKay, Oxford, No. 76, Woodstock. Of the last, who was personally well known to me, I may say that in his demise the Masons of this District lost a most exemplary Brother and a most estimable citizen.

Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford: This lodge I visited on April 2nd, and found in a most flourishing condition, well officered by a staff of exemplary workers, with a hall commodious, well equipped and in every way attractive, which the brethren had just refurnished and otherwise improved at a cost of some \$1,700. In a few days after my visit, everything was reduced to ashes—unfortunately the small amount of insurance, \$600, serves very poorly to mitigate the severity of the calamity. Notwithstanding this untoward occurrence, I have strong hopes that this lodge will ere long regain its position in the front ranks of the lodges of this district. The members have, I am sure, the deep sympathy not only of the brethren of Wilson District, but of those of all other districts of Grand Lodge.

#### TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Under this head I offer a few remarks for two reasons: (a.) The matter is at present under consideration of Grand Lodge. (b.) In previous years recommendations have been made by D. D. G. M.'s of other districts to Grand Lodge to take some more effective mode of having their actual expenses repaid them.

On entering upon my duties I was advised to insist on every lodge's carrying out clause 178, of B. of C.: "Each private lodge *shall* defray the travelling expenses of the D. D. G. M." etc. However, to the District Secretary and myself the task of dunning individual lodges seemed such a disagreeable one that it was resolved to allow the brethren of each lodge to decide the matter for themselves.

As lodge after lodge was visited, I found that no hint of any kind was necessary. All, save one, and this doubtless an oversight, freely and voluntarily offering at least travelling expenses.

Were all districts as liberal in dealing with their D. D. G. M.'s as Wilson, the present regulation would suffice. Judging then, from my own experience, my successors in office need have no fear of being honorably treated.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued three Dispensations to allow brethren, clothed as Masons, to attend Divine Service, viz.: Thistle, No. 250, Embro; King Hiram, No. 37, Ingersoll; and Hiram, No. 78, Tilsonburg. In each case I have been assured the proceedings were such as to reflect credit upon the Craft.

#### HARMONY.

It was to me, I assure you, exceedingly gratifying to find the best of fraternal feeling existing among brethren and lodges of the district. During the year but one case of grievance has been referred to me, and this I am happy to state, has been amicably adjusted. I find the

brethren of the different lodges fraternizing very freely with one another, this being very marked on the occasion of my official visit. In this way the brethren are bringing about uniformity in work as well as deepening and strengthening the ties of brotherhood. I trust this state of feeling may be lasting, that kindness and brotherly love may distinguish their conduct as men and masons.

## SUGGESTIONS.

Being now at the end of my year's duties, I offer to the brethren of Wilson District a few suggestions.

I noticed in many of the lodge rooms good organs, yet in not one case—save King Hiram, No. 37, Ingersoll—could I compliment the brethren on the use of them. I am sure that the opening and closing of the lodge with singing, accompanied by instrumental music, as well as a musical accompaniment at proper times during the conferring of a degree, add greatly to the pleasure of the brethren.

Secondly, let not the object of meeting in lodge be forgotten, viz., moral instruction and social intercourse. I have already stated that the work throughout the district is very well done, but let it be remembered that we must have more than mere ritual; brethren are not going to leave comfortable homes with everything to cheer and delight for dry routine of ritual, even if well rendered. To keep the brethren in regular attendance something in the way of literary entertainment should be provided; for example, papers on Masonic topics could be prepared by brethren in each of our lodges. In this connection I may state that I have been most thankful to R.W. Bro. F. C. Martin for taking the initiative in this movement in Woodstock. During the past year the R.W. Bro. has delivered a series of addresses on the symbols and principles of Masonry, to the delight and profit of the Woodstock brethren.

Thirdly, social intercourse should be more widely promoted before and after communications. Inside and outside the lodge the utmost extension of friendly feeling should prevail.

Fourthly, guard most carefully the portals of the lodge, remembering that one bad Mason can do more to pull down than ten good ones can do to build up.

Fifthly, lop off the barnacles—those who can, but will not, pay their dues. The lodge will sail much more freely and smoothly without them.

## CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I wish to express my high appreciation of the great honor conferred upon me by the brethren of Wilson District in unanimously electing me to my present position. I have also to tender my sincere thanks to the brethren for the uniform courtesy and fraternal feeling extended to me wherever I have gone throughout the district—to the brethren of Woodstock, Norwich, and Simcoe for their companionship on official visits—to W. Bro. J. W. Rippon, District Secretary, for the able and energetic manner in which he discharged all his duties, thus rendering me most valuable assistance.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. H. HUNTER, D.D.G.M.,

Wilson District No. 6.

Woodstock, June 30th, 1890.

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 7.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

## MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In compliance with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in Wellington District, No. 7.

On assuming the duties of my office, I appointed Bro. J. McQuillan, Grand River Lodge, No. 151, as my District Secretary. His valuable assistance, untiring zeal and prompt attention to all Masonic business entrusted to him, have lightened my labors in no small degree, and I now desire to return him my warmest thanks.

I have officially visited each of the 21 lodges in the district once. Ten of these lodges I have visited twice, and two several times. I am pleased to say that the year has been one of great pleasure to myself and, I trust, of service to the lodges and brethren whom I have visited. The condition of Masonry throughout the district is fairly satisfactory. Nearly all are working well, and with the exception of lodges classed as "weak," perfect harmony and the best of good feeling prevail.

I find many of the By-laws in the district in need of revision, and I again draw attention to the necessity of having these By-laws in accord with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. I examined the By-laws of Scott Lodge, No. 421, and obtained their confirmation by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

## BENEVOLENCE.

I have carefully drawn the attention of the various lodges to the changes introduced in the Rules governing grants from the Benevolent Fund, and to the absolute necessity of literally complying with all the forms laid down. I have also pointed out that these grants must be considered as supplementary only, and that unless the lodge, either through the general funds or by individual contributions, render substantial assistance, none should be expected from Grand Lodge funds.

## DISPENSATIONS.

I granted a Dispensation to Blair Lodge, No. 314, to attend Divine Service at St. Paul's church, Palmerston, on June 22nd, and refused to grant St. Alban's Lodge a Dispensation to walk as a lodge in a funeral procession conducted by other societies.

Several Dispensations were granted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, viz : Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston, to elect officers, on Dec. 13th, and install on Dec. 27th. Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph, to hold their annual "at home" on Feb. 13th. Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin, to attend an "at home" on Feb. 14th. Conestogo Lodge, No. 295, Drayton, to hold an "at home" on April 28th. Ayr Lodge, 172, Ayr, to install officers, on April 25th.

It was my privilege to be present at the "at homes" on Feb. 13th and 14th, and I am happy to be able to report that both gatherings were highly successful, and in every respect conducted "decently and in order," and in a manner worthy of the craft.

Conestogo Lodge reports a successful "at home," V. W. Bro. A. S. Allan, M. L. A., Clifford, in the chair.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

I have held three Lodges of Instruction in this district. The first Lodge of Instruction was held on Nov. 7th, at Palmerston, under the

auspices of Blair Lodge. The Palmerston brethren made every arrangement for the proper working of the lodge, and for the comfort and convenience of the visitors. On this occasion seventy-five brethren were present, representing eighteen lodges. Twenty-four P.M's. were present, including R.W. Bros. Hyndman, Irvine, Scoon and Mahoney. The first degree was ably exemplified by R.W. Bro. Hyndman and the officers of Blair Lodge, and the second degree by W. Bro. Smith, Conestogo. The exemplification of the third by W. Bro. W. Gummer and officers of Waverley Lodge, Guelph, was correct and impressive.

The second Lodge of Instruction was held at the Masonic Hall, Galt, on Nov. 27th, under the auspices of Galt Lodge, 257, and Alma Lodge, 72. The unfortunate condition of the roads made it impossible to expect a large lodge representation, but in other respects the meeting was a decided success. This success was largely due to the hearty and enthusiastic manner in which the Galt Lodges entered upon the work. The W.M., W. Bro. Turnbull and regular officers of Alma exemplified the first and E. A. degrees, W.M., W. Bro. Wm. Jardine and regular officers of New Hope Lodge, Hespeler, exemplified the second degree, and the third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Mitchell, W.M., and regular officers of Galt Lodge. In each instance the work was well done. Number brethren present was 59, lodges represented, 8; P.M's. 14. M. W. Bro. Klotz, P.G.M., materially aided us by his counsel and advice, as did also R.W. Bro. A. Cranston.

The third meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Guelph, on April 3rd and 4th, under the combined auspices of the three city lodges. Here, also, the Guelph brethren made every provision for the comfort and convenience of visiting brethren. On the evening of the 3rd the W. M., W. Bro. Howie, and regular officers of Waverley Lodge, exemplified the first degree. On the afternoon of the 4th, the J. C. degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Stewart, W. M., and regular officers of Guelph Lodge; and on the evening of the same day, the W.M., R.W. Bro. Scoon, and regular officers of Speed, exemplified the 3rd. The work in each case was exceedingly well done by W.M's. and subordinate officers. On the 3rd there were present 67 brethren, including 17 P.M's.; lodges represented 10. On the 4th there were present 103 brethren, including 24 P.M's.; lodges represented, 16. This was, undoubtedly the most successful of the three held, and this success was due, no doubt, in part to the experience gained from the other two, and in part to the longer time occupied in the exemplification of the esoteric work.

These lodges of instruction were successful in arousing the interest of all who attended. The great amount of practical information imparted and the discussions evoked cannot fail to be of more than transient value, while the exposition of the work so accurately and carefully rendered should benefit alike those who joined in the proceedings and the Craft in general. I am strongly of the opinion that two, at least, of these meetings should be held in each year, and no better days can be found for such gatherings than Thanksgiving Day and Good Friday.

In conclusion I wish to express my gratitude to all those brethren who so kindly and so willingly aided me in carrying out these instruction meetings.

#### OFFICIAL VISITS.

The following is a brief account of official visits:—

Prince Arthur, No. 334, Arthur: Was not able to secure a meeting. Have reported the standing of this lodge under the heading of "Weak Lodge."

Ayr Lodge, No. 172, Ayr: Visited this lodge twice. Have also reported the standing of this lodge under the same heading.

Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston : I visited this lodge on Aug. 12th. The attendance was small, the majority of the officers (including the W. M.), being among the absentees. There was no work, and the evening was spent in giving much needed instruction. The meeting was not satisfactory. I again visited this lodge on April 7th, and found a larger and more enthusiastic gathering. The attendance numbered 22, and included 6 P.M.'s and all the officers. The W. M. had no work to present to me, but at my request opened and closed in the three degrees, and exemplified, in part, the first and second degrees. The work was satisfactorily rendered by W.M., S.D., and I.G., the Wardens and J.D. did fairly well. I examined the books and found them in good condition, with the exception of the statistical register. The lodge room is handsomely appointed, and is a credit to the Craft. Prospects of lodge are fair. On both occasions I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Alex. Irvine.

Conestogo Lodge, No. 295, Drayton : Visited this lodge Aug. 13th. Brethren present, 15. W.M. and officers worked second and third degrees very creditably, though I found the Wardens somewhat deficient. I again visited this lodge Jan. 7th, and had the pleasure of installing the officers for the current year. On this occasion I was assisted by R.W. Bro. C. Hendry, P. D. D. G. M., V. W. Bro. R. J. Pujolas, and W. Bro. Smith. Brethren present, 16. Since then I have been informed that both the W.M. and I.P.M. have left the village, the work of the lodge falling upon the P.M.'s. Conestogo Lodge has suffered severely of late in this manner. Bros. T. Flath, S. W., and J. Gordon Lee, are very enthusiastic, the latter never missing a meeting, though living 10 miles from lodge room. The books are in fair condition. Prospects are improving.

New Hope, No. 279, Hespeler : Visited Nov. 6th. Attendance good. The second and third degrees were satisfactorily conferred on candidates. The W.M., W. Bro. Wm. Jardine, is a good worker and an enthusiastic Master. The correct manner in which the candidates not only answered the usual questions, but repeated the obligations, was particularly gratifying. The S.W. and I.G. appeared nervous, but the other subordinate officers were excellent. The general character of the work in this lodge is good, and the prospects are bright. The Craft in this section are under the fatherly supervision and kindly eye of Rev. Bro. Jardine. I also visited this lodge in Sept., at an emergent meeting called to attend the funeral of Bro. Hendeson, a late member of the lodge. The attendance was large, 85 being present. M.W. Bro. O. Klotz, and R.W. Bros. Scoon, Hepburn and Mahoney, were among the visiting brethren.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley : Visited this lodge Jan. 1st. Brethren present, 20, including eight visitors, among whom were W. Bros. Brown, W.M., Riddell, Scott and Dane, of Harris. Officers of lodge all present. The work on hand was installation of officers, and three J. C. degrees. The W.M. and officers conferred this degree on one of the candidates in a manner quite satisfactory to me. W. Bro. Browne, the newly installed Master of Harris Lodge, assisted by the P. Ms. of that lodge, then conferred in an able manner this degree on the remaining candidates. The W.M. and officers elect were then duly installed. This lodge, the youngest in the district, has already labored under the disadvantage so manifest in nearly all small lodges, viz : removals, though I am glad to be able to report a more hopeful condition. The books are in good condition.

Preston Lodge, No. 297, Preston : Visited this lodge Jan. 31st. Present, 19, including five P.M.'s. The W.M., R.W. Bro. Hepburn, had

no work to present, and the evening was spent in listening to a very excellent and instructive lecture by W. Bro. O. Klotz, on "A Trip to Alaska." The lecturer treated his subject physically and commercially, and at the close received the hearty thanks of the brethren. This was the third lecture given by the same brother during my official term, the one immediately previous having "The Canopy of the Lodge," for the subject. Too much credit cannot be given the officers of this lodge for providing intellectual treats of such high order, especially when, as is very frequently the case in smaller lodges, very little other work presents itself. I was pleased to meet M. W. Bro. O. Klotz, P.G.M., and R.W. Bro. Jardine, P.D.D.G.M. The books are in excellent condition, and the register is the most complete in the district. I again visited this lodge on June 27th, and spent a very pleasant and profitable evening. W. Bro. Shupe, Galt, 257, and W. Bros. Stark, Edwards and Peterson, Grand River, 151, were present.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford: Visited this lodge April 8th at an emergent meeting called for the purpose. Brethren present 20, of which number eight were visitors and nine P.M's. Officers present except J.W. and J.D. W. M. is able to open and close in the three degrees, but all other work is taken by P.M's. Warden's lectures also given by P. Ms. For some years past little or no work previous to this year has presented itself. As far as I could judge, the brethren take an active interest in the affairs of the lodge. The lodge room is well adapted and the books correct. Prospects are improving. R. W. Bro. A. Irvine, and W. Bros. Birss, Smith and Wyness, of Harriston, were present.

Speed, No. 180, Guelph: Visited this lodge March 4th. Brethren present, 37, including 9 P.M's., among whom I was pleased to notice R.W. Bros. A. B. Petrie and R. Mahoney, P.D.D.G.M's., and V.W. Bro. Pettiford. The W.M. had no work on hand. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the usual examination questions put and answered correctly and intelligently. The lodge, though not doing much active work, is in a very healthy condition. The officers are enthusiastic and perfect in lodge work. R.W. Bro. J. Scoon is too well known to require any commendations from me. The books are well kept and prospects are good.

Irvine, No. 203, Elora: Visited this lodge May 2nd at an emergent meeting called at my request. A very fair attendance was present, including several visiting brethren from Mercer. The work presented to me by the W.M. was well done. The books are well kept and the general tone of the lodge is excellent. P.D.D.G.M's. Smith and McDonald take an active interest in the welfare of this lodge, and I was pleased to see both present.

Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus: Visited this lodge August 15th. Attendance small and J.W. absent. W.M. J. Philip worked the second degree very correctly, floor work being fairly good. S.W's. lecture was given by W.M. I again visited this lodge on April 17th. Brethren present 27, including 10 visitors and 6 P.M's. All the officers present. First degree was worked in a satisfactory manner by W.M. J. J. Craig and officers of the lodge. J. W. delivered lecture in this degree and was deservedly complimented. The third degree was impressively worked by P.M. J. B. Hay, of Zealand Lodge, Toronto, assisted by the W.M. and Wardens of that lodge. The books are in good condition. The lodge-room is not well appointed, and the ante-rooms are inconveniently small. The prospects of the lodge are good.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston: Visited this lodge on August 16th, very short notice having been given of my intended visit. At-

tendance small, majority of officers being absent. This lodge is composed chiefly of G.T.R. employees and many of the members are necessarily somewhat erratic in their attendance. The lodge room is neat and comfortable, and the ante-rooms are commodious. The W.M. conferred the F.C. degree in a fairly satisfactory manner. I again visited the lodge on November 8th, when holding a Lodge of Instruction, and was quite satisfied with the manner in which R.W. Bro. Hyndman, assisted by the regular officers of Blair Lodge, exemplified the work of the first degree. This lodge is in good standing, and the prospects are very encouraging.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville: Visited this lodge December 27th; brethren present, 41. The work of the evening was the installation of the newly elected officers. There was no other work, so that I had no opportunity of judging the ability of the retiring officers. I was well pleased with what I saw of the lodge. The new officers at the time of my visit were able to open and close in the three degrees, and to do the greater part of the work. Here I met R.W. Bro. McLaren, P.D.D.G.M. of this district; also W. Bro. Scott, a P.M. of Harris Lodge, who is now afflicted with total blindness, yet withal a most enthusiastic Mason. I found the books well kept, and the brethren deeply interested in the welfare of the lodge. The prospects of the lodge I consider excellent.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest: Visited this lodge January 3rd; brethren present, 21. All the officers were on hand with the exception of J.W. and J.D. The W.M., having no work to present to me, opened and closed in the three degrees, and exemplified the floor work of the second and third. The W.M. I found energetic and careful but, unfortunately, handicapped by some of his subordinate officers. The books are in excellent condition. The brethren of St. Alban's having some time ago lost their lodge room, are now meeting, by special dispensation of the M.W. the Grand Master, in the rooms of the A.O.O.F. This state of things, I understand, will be remedied before the present year closes.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt: Visited this lodge Jan. 30th. Brethren present, 12. Secretary, though informed of my intended visit, failed to notify the brethren, and he himself was absent; both Deacons were also absent. W.M. conferred third degree on a candidate; Wardens excellent; W. M. not up to his usual form; books are not well kept; dues being very much behind. Prevailing epidemic responsible for small attendance. Am quite satisfied as to ability of lodge officers. Prospects of lodge are fair.

Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph: I visited this lodge Sept. 23rd, accompanied by Bro. J. McQuillan, District Secretary, and several brethren from Grand River Lodge. Brethren present, 43. W. Bro. Gummer, W.M., and the officers of the lodge conferred the third degree very impressively. The work was correctly rendered. On this occasion I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Mahoney, and V. W. Bro. J. Little. I again visited Waverley Lodge on January 24th, that being the first regular meeting after installation. Present, 54, including 25 visiting brethren and 10 P.M.'s. The W.M. and officers worked the first and second degrees in an able manner, all the subordinate officers being well up. The books of the lodge are in good condition. This lodge is a live one, and the prospects are of the brightest.

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt: I visited this lodge October 6th, accompanied by District Secretary, Bro. J. McQuillan. No previous notice. The W.M. and officers conferred first and second degrees in a praiseworthy manner, and I was well pleased with the lodge in general. I

again visited Galt Lodge, April 2nd. Brethren present, 24. Officers all present except J.W. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the customary examination questions put to the brethren. I was particularly pleased to hear a brother who was raised at previous regular meeting, repeat correctly all the answers to the questions of the third degree as well as the greater part of his obligations. Floor work of the three degrees was exemplified in a manner to convince me that the lodge is well worked. The average attendance is good, and the members are very enthusiastic. Prospects are excellent. Books in good condition.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham : Visited this lodge on December 26th at an emergency meeting called for my visit and the conferring of the E.A. degree. W. Bro. Mockler, W.M., exemplified the work in a very satisfactory manner. He was ably assisted by his Wardens, but the J.D. did not appear to be familiar with the work. Brethren present, 25, including all the officers except the S.D. This lodge has not done much work lately, but the members are enthusiastic Masons. The lodge meetings are well attended, and the brethren meet for social intercourse as well as moral instruction. My visit was highly satisfactory in every respect. I found the lodge books in excellent condition. Prospects are very encouraging.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin : Visited this lodge December 31st, at E.M. called for the purpose. Brethren present, 14 ; officers present except J.W. and J.D. The W.M. and officers opened and closed in the three degrees, and exemplified the work of the second. Was well satisfied with the work as presented to me. W. Bro. Wansborough rules the lodge wisely and intelligently. The lodge room is neat and cosey, and a credit to the Craft. The lodge books are in good condition, and very few members are in arrears. The prospects are good.

Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin : Visited this lodge officially on February 4th. Large attendance of members and visiting brethren. W.M. and officers conferred second degree, after which R.W. Bro. Armstrong, Grand Chaplain, delivered his famous lecture on "The Moral Aspect of Freemasonry." The brethren of Grand River Lodge expressed themselves as very highly pleased with the able lecturer's remarks. Among those present were M.W. Bro. Otto Klotz, P.G.M., R.W. Bros. Hendry, Hepburn, and Dewar. On the evening of June 24th I again visited the lodge and, assisted by W. Bro. Stark, installed the officers for the current year. From my intimate knowledge of this lodge I know it to be in good standing, and in general well officered. The Deacons and Inner Guard are not up to the mark. The secretary's books are in good condition, and outstanding dues are small. Prospects are very fair.

Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Guelph : Visited this lodge March 11th. Present 59, members 36, visiting brethren 23, P.M. 9 ; also R.W. Bros. A. B. Petrie, R. Mahoney and V. W. Bro. Pettiford. Lodge opened in the three degrees. W.M. conferred second and third degrees, part of the work in third being taken by R. W. Bro. Mahoney. W.M. exhibited some degree of nervousness, but did fairly well, Wardens excellent officers, and the other subordinate officers satisfactory. The Secretary, a very painstaking officer ; he presented for my inspection the best all round set of books in the district. Lodge in good condition and prospects very fair.

#### WEAK LODGES.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur : Visited this lodge on January 2nd. Having reached the village of Arthur about 11:30 a.m., I

spent the balance of the day looking up the brethren. Timely notice had been given them of my proposed visit, and desire to meet as many of the brethren as could possibly attend. Notwithstanding this I found that when the hour appointed had arrived that there were not enough of the members present to open the lodge, although during the course of the day I had notified personally more than the requisite number. After helping the assembled brethren to put up the stove pipes and start a fire, we gathered around the stove and discussed lodge matters. The books show 28 members on the roll, with about half that number residing outside the jurisdiction. I found the unpaid dues to be about \$300, liabilities about the same amount. As to meetings held, and average attendance, the Tyler's book shows that in 1887 there were 13 meetings held, average attendance, 11; 1888 there was 7 meetings held, average attendance, 9; 1889, there was 2 meetings held, average attendance 12. The present officers were elected on December 21st, 1888. The officers when elected were not installed I find, until March 12th following the date of their election, and then by special Dispensation from the M.W. the Grand Master. No further meetings were held that year. On March 20th of this current year, I received an acknowledgment from the Secretary of his having made a special effort to collect arrears of dues, he at that time reported lodge prospects as good. From this I am led to suppose that a meeting of the lodge was held in March. During my year of office I have officially corresponded with this lodge fourteen times, or say once a month on the average, but to my numerous enquiries they have turned a deaf ear, for I find that with the exception of their letter dated March 20th, 1890, written by the Secretary, I am only in receipt of one other, and that one was from the W.M., dated Dec. 17th, 1889, informing me that an emergent meeting of the lodge had been called to receive my official visit on January 2nd. This last letter was written in response to mine dated 14th Dec., 1889, asking them to call an emergent meeting. During my visit in January last, I found the brethren indifferent, and believe the same unfortunate feeling towards Masonic progress still to prevail. The comatose state of this lodge has most assuredly brought the Craft into disrepute, and I see no other course open but to recall the warrant.

Ayr, No. 172, Ayr: Visited this lodge March 22nd, at an emergent meeting called for the purpose. Members present, 7; visitors, 2; officers present, W.M., Wardens, Sec. and J.G. Lodge was opened in first degree only. My object on the present occasion was to reach, if possible, the difficulty touched upon by my predecessor in his report of last year. As well as I could ascertain, the facts are as follows: Some years ago in the early history of the lodge the brethren were presented by one of their present P.M's. with the building now known as the Masonic Hall, on the condition, however, that should the lodge fail in any one year to hold a meeting the property should revert to the donor. The estimated value of this building at the time of presentation was about \$200, village property being then low in value and the building itself being considerably out of repair. In the year following the brethren of Ayr Lodge spent in repairs and fittings over three times the estimated value of the building. At the time of presentation the lower story of the building was then leased at an annual rental of \$80, and the second story brought in an additional \$40. The upper story was fitted up as the lodge-room. Not long after this satisfactory condition had been reached, some of the brethren proposed to give up the lower story to the Mechanics' Institute at a nominal annual rental of 25 cents on a 99-year lease. This proposal, though vigorously opposed, was ultimately carried, though it is by no means clear that the mem-

bers were properly notified, or that the requisite majority vote was obtained. The W.M., however, refused to recognize the motion, but his successor in office signed the lease as originally proposed without again bringing the matter before the lodge. From this time onward that love and harmony which should at all times characterize Freemasons no longer prevailed. About the year 1887 the trouble was still further augmented by the difficulty arising out of the selection of a school site. Litigation is still in progress and the end is not yet. So much with regard to the troubles of the lodge as a whole. The members who forced the lodge to give up the lower portion of the hall no longer attend the lodge meetings, neither have they resigned. The brethren who do attend are in touch with each other and are earnestly striving to improve the condition of the lodge. The lodge is sound financially and the books are fairly well kept. The lodge-room is neatly and comfortably furnished. From the Tyler's book I gathered that in 1887, three meetings were held, average attendance being 8; in 1888, two meetings were held, average attendance 8; in 1889, 9 were held, average attendance also 8, and in 1890 but one meeting had so far been missed, average attendance 9. Being quite satisfied in my own mind that the brethren were anxious to uphold the lodge, I consented to install the officers the following meeting, provided the necessary dispensation was first procured. The most worshipful the Grand Master granted the dispensation, and on April 25th, assisted by W. Bros. Shupe and Turnbull, of Galt, installed the W.M. and officers. Prior to the installation the W.M. elect was duly presented to a Board of Installed Masters and found worthy. On the same evening W. Bro. Shupe and the officers of Galt Lodge kindly exemplified the work of E.A. and F.C. degrees. I am of the opinion that Ayr Lodge will yet weather the difficulties which have so unfortunately arisen, and I therefore strongly recommend a continuance of the warrant. Should the warrant be withdrawn or the meetings go by default in any one year the property now several times enhanced in value, would revert to the original owner, and I am correctly informed that this is the desire of the non-attendant members. In conclusion, I beg to tender to the brethren of Wellington District my sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness I received during my official visits, and for the liberal and generous manner they contributed towards my travelling expenses and personal comfort. My election a year ago by a unanimous vote led me to expect generous forbearance and considerate treatment. My expectations have been more than realized, and in making my acknowledgment let me bespeak for my successor the same measure of fraternal consideration,

All of which is fraternally submitted,

D. FORSYTH,

Berlin, June 30th, 1890. D.D.G.M., Wellington District, No. 7.

#### HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 8.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—

I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Eighth Masonic District for the past year.

I have visited each of the twenty-one lodges in the district, and some of them the second time, and in every case I have been received in the most hearty and welcome manner, and I feel it my duty to report that Masonry in this district, except in the case of one or two lodges, is in a

most satisfactory condition. All my official visits have been made at regular meetings, and the secretary of each lodge was duly notified.

Harmony Lodge, No. 57 : My first official visit was to this lodge on September 4th, accompanied by the district secretary and a number of brethren from Hamilton. I found this lodge to be in good working order, the attendance good, the W.M. well skilled and able to work all the degrees, the books of the secretary well kept, and the hall and building owned by the lodge and insured. It is also to be congratulated on its financial state, having about \$300 in the treasury. I believe that this lodge, from the good reputation earned, will continue to work in a manner becoming its name.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166 : Accompanied by M.W. Bro. Murray, P.G.M., and four Past Masters from Hamilton, I visited this lodge on November 4th, and had the pleasure of seeing the W.M. and officers working in the first degree, the work being well done, and the attendance good, 30 out of 50 members being present. Peace and prosperity reign in this lodge. They are the proprietors of their own hall, which, although small, is comfortable, having been newly carpeted and furnished this spring. Great credit is due the secretary, Dr. Carr, for the manner in which the books are kept. I had also the pleasure of attending an "At Home," given by this lodge on May 9th, in company with about 50 of the Craft from Hamilton. This lodge is to be congratulated on the prosperity attending it, and the bright prospects still in store.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165 : I visited this lodge on December 4th. I was also accompanied by several of the brethren from Hamilton. On this visit the W.M. conferred the third degree in an excellent manner. This lodge is also to be congratulated on its efficient staff of officers. This being the election, the attendance was large, almost every member being present. The books I found to be correctly kept ; the lodge room well furnished and insured. Their prospects I consider good.

Temple Lodge, No. 324 : I visited this lodge on December 10th, it being the election of officers. There was a large attendance of both members and visitors. I was pleased to see the unanimous way in which the officers were elected. The W.M., Bro. Kittson is a most excellent worker, and the lodge is to be congratulated on its staff of officers. The lodge is very prosperous and has done a large amount of work, having added 26 new members this year, making a membership of 179. The books are well kept. The prospects of this lodge are very bright.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61 : I visited this lodge on Dec. 13th, the attendance was very large, it being the election of officers. They were elected in a very unanimous manner. The work done in this lodge is of an excellent character. It is also noted for its prosperity, having added to its roll of membership this year 23, making a total of 199 members. This lodge has been distinguished in the past by Grand Lodge having elected one of its members as M.W.G.M., and for years past the Grand Treasurer. The Secretary is a most efficient officer. The prospects of this lodge I consider good.

Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27 : I visited this lodge on Dec. 17th. This being one of the largest lodges under the jurisdiction of the G.L., and it being the election of officers, I can assure you that the attendance at this meeting was very large, the membership being 226. This lodge has had a successful and prosperous year under the management of W. Bro. Carse, and I feel sure that under the guidance of W. Bro. Pointer, the newly installed Master, this lodge has a bright future. It also has been distinguished in the past by Grand Lodge electing from among its members the R.W., the Grand Secretary.

St. John's Lodge, No. 40 : I visited this lodge on the evening of Dec. 19th, and I venture to say that this is the most prosperous lodge, and has the largest membership of any under the Grand Lodge of Canada. After suspending 9 members this year for non-payment of dues, they still have a membership of 276. The W.M. is an earnest and zealous Mason, and one who has the respect of the Craft, and with the splendid staff of officers who support him, I am satisfied will give the work in an accurate and satisfactory manner. Financially, it is in a healthy condition, no liabilities, and having over \$2,000.00 worth of stock in the Masonic Hall Association, \$535.00 invested in the Provident and Loan Company, of Hamilton ; cash on hand, \$600.00, and an equal share with the other five city lodges in the furniture of the hall, which is insured and held in trust by the Trustees for the lodges.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135 : I visited this lodge on the 30th Jan. There was a good attendance. The prospects of this lodge are good. The officers, all of whom I know, are energetic Masons, and I have been assured, do their work well. There was no work that evening on account of an "At Home" that was being held in the Town Hall, under the auspices of the lodge, for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans Fund. I was on this visit accompanied by R.W. Bro. Gavin Stewart, and a number of Hamilton brethren, also a number from Oakville, Credit, and Walker Lodges. The furniture is owned by the lodge, and insured for \$600.00. They have funds in the Treasury. St. Clair Lodge is doing all that can be expected.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291 : On March 6th, I visited this lodge and installed the officers. I was accompanied by the District Secretary, and a number of the Hamilton brethren. This lodge is not in a very prosperous condition, not having done any work for over a year, and have not held their meetings very regularly. This will be a matter of consideration for my successor and I trust he will find that Dufferin Lodge has been more prosperous by the time he meets them. They have initiated a candidate lately, and have worked in the other degrees. With a little more energy on the part of their officers, I see no reason why they should not improve.

Walker Lodge, No. 321 : I visited this lodge on March 31st. There was a good attendance. The W.M. opened and closed the lodge, and worked in the third degree. The work was well done, and the officers are well up in their duties. The secretary is an efficient officer. An insurance policy is kept in force.

Brant Lodge, No. 45 : I visited this lodge on April 1st. The attendance was large. There was also a large number of visiting brethren present. This lodge, I am pleased to be able to report, is maintaining its past reputation as being one of the best in the district, the W.M. being a good worker. The Wardens, as well as the subordinate officers, being well up in the work. The books are well kept and in a manner that reflects credit on the secretary.

Seymour Lodge, No. 272 : I visited the lodge on April 2nd. I am sorry I cannot report that this lodge is prospering. There was a fair attendance, but there was no work, nor had there been any for over a year.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400 : I visited this lodge on April 29th. I was accompanied on this trip by a number of the Hamilton brethren. This lodge has had a very successful year. The W.M. worked the second degree, and I must say that he is an excellent worker, and with the support rendered to the officers by the V.W. Bro. Ferrah, I feel that the lodge has a bright future.

St. George Lodge, No. 243 : I visited this lodge on May 1st. It has 54 members on the register. The average attendance is 20. The W.

M. exemplifies all the degrees well. The work this evening was in the first degree, and I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which it was done, both by the Master and officers. They have a very beautiful lodge room, well furnished and insured. A large number of visiting brethren were present from Hamilton, Brantford, Paris, Waterloo, Galt and Berlin. W. Bro. J. P. Lawrason deserves great praise for the energy and prosperity he has brought to St. George.

Credit Lodge, No. 219: I visited this lodge May 2nd. It has 45 members on its register. The average attendance is 16. The W.M. worked the first degree. Although the regular officers were not all present, the work was fairly done.

Doric Lodge, No. 121: I visited this lodge on May 6th. There was a large attendance both of members and visitors. This lodge has 100 members on its register. The average attendance is 27. The W.M. is one of the best workers in the district, and the work exemplified that evening was not only pleasing to me, but brought forth expressions of approval from M.W. Bro. Murray, and other good workers of the Craft, who were present. This lodge has made rapid progress during the last few years, and from the great energy displayed by the Warden and officers, under the guidance of W. Bro. Liddell, this lodge will group in the front rank with the best in the district.

St. Andrews Lodge, No. 62: I visited this lodge on May 28th. It has 34 members on its register. The average attendance is 10. The W.M. worked the E.A. degree in a very creditable manner. Masonry here for several years has been very dull, but during the past year they have made rapid progress, both in quantity and quality of the work. They have a most efficient Secretary in P.M. Clark, and the assistance rendered by P.M. Old, cannot fail to be appreciated by the lodge.

Valley Lodge, No. 100: I visited this lodge June 2nd, it being the annual meeting for the election of officers. There was a large attendance. The lodge has had a successful year under the management of W. Bro. Herald, and I feel sure that the officers who have been elected this year will see that the prosperity will be maintained. The Secretary is one of the best I have ever met. He brought the back dues down from \$250.00 to \$100.00.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357: I visited this lodge June 3rd. The attendance was fair; only one degree had been worked during the year. The liabilities of the lodge are *nil*, at the same time their financial position is not prosperous. The occasion of my visit was the election of officers, whose well known energy will, I feel assured, soon bring No. 357 up to the standard.

Barton Lodge, No. 6: I visited the Old Barton on June 11th, it was the election of officers. There was a very large attendance, and I must say that this lodge is in a most prosperous condition. It has an efficient Secretary, and the books are neatly and carefully kept.

Doric Lodge, No. 382: I visited this lodge on June 16th. The work done for the year will come up to the average, and although this lodge is not in as good a position financially, as the other city lodges, yet they are most prosperous for a young lodge, and are doing good work.

Dispensations have been granted to eleven of the lodges to attend Divine Service in proper Masonic clothing, during the year.

We had the pleasure of the company of the Grand Master at an "At Home" given in Hamilton by the fraternity, on Dec. 20th. On this occasion I am sure that not only the Grand Master, but also those of the Craft and visitors who attended, must have noticed the brilliant and magnificent arrangements carried out by the Committee. We also had the honor of a visit from the Grand Master, at the City of Brant-

ford, where an immense gathering of the Craft from the surrounding lodges attended to receive him, in this the Hamilton District. On the 27th June, we were also honored by a visit from the D.G.M., R.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, and listened to his very able and instructive lecture, on "The Progress of Masonry in Canada for the last one hundred years." The Craft in this city were very much pleased with his very excellent address, and accorded to the distinguished brother a very hearty welcome, and a sumptuous banquet.

Before closing my report, I desire to return my heartiest thanks to the brethren who have accompanied me on my official visits. I cannot name them all at present, but would mention, M.W. Bro. Murray, R. W. Bro. Mason, W. Bros. McCallum, Kittson, Birrell, Carse, Kenney, Greenhill, and Bro. W. Townsend, and especially the District Secretary, C. W. Mulligan.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN MALLOY, D.D.G. M.

Hamilton District, No. 8.

Hamilton, 30th June, 1890.

#### GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit to you the following Report of the condition of Masonry in the Ninth Masonic District for the past year :

My first act was the appointment of W. Bro. J. D. Harwill as District Secretary, and Rev. Bro. J. H. Fairlie as District Chaplain, both of Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137.

It was with deep regret that I was called upon on the 6th of August to attend the funeral of R.W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, of St. George's Lodge, No. 88, Owen Sound. He was justly regarded as one of the fathers of Masonry in the Georgian District. Few Masons were more popular or more widely known than the late brother. His opinions and suggestions regarding Masonry were always highly appreciated by the brethren, and we trust that his memory may not soon be forgotten.

I have found, and am pleased to report, that Masonry in this district is in a very flourishing and satisfactory condition. On account of sickness and death in my family, I have been unable to visit officially all the lodges, but have made it a point to visit all lodges which I considered it more particularly my duty to attend. Of the twenty-four lodges in the district, I have visited eighteen, the lodges not visited being those in the towns of Owen Sound, Barrie and Collingwood, and that of Albion. As to True Blue Lodge, Albion, as has already been suggested in a former report by R.W. Bro. Jennings, I would also recommend that this lodge should be attached to the Toronto district for the same reasons as mentioned by him.

I was instructed by the Grand Secretary to open a new lodge under Dispensation at Sundridge, and named Strong Lodge, and did so on the 9th of September, 1889, assisted by W. Bro. Hamill. I was very much pleased in performing this duty with the members of which this lodge is composed, and can say, that I consider they are well qualified to carry on their work.

I had the pleasure of attending an excursion under the auspices of Beaver Lodge, No. 334, to Parry Sound, on August 2nd, 1889, and was very much pleased with the kindness and attention shown me by the brethren on that occasion.

I herewith give an account of the visits and my views on the condition of each lodge.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137 : Visited November 8th, 1889 ; attendance good, and books well kept. The third degree was conferred in an able and efficient manner by W.M. J. D. Hamill. There has been a gratifying increase in the membership of this lodge during the year. The lodge room is good and well furnished.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner : Visited 19th November, 1889, accompanied by W. Bro. Hamill. Attendance good. The work was exemplified by W. Bro. Saunders and his officers in a very satisfactory manner. The books are well kept and show a marked increase in membership.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg : Visited December 3rd, 1889, accompanied by W. Bros. Hamill, Mathews, and Hair, and a number of other brethren of Pythagoras Lodge. The W.M. and his officers did their work well, and the lodge is in good financial standing. The books are well kept. It was with deep regret that I was called upon on March 20th, 1890, to attend the funeral of the late W. Bro. Hunter, of this lodge, who had taken a great interest in Masonry, and was greatly beloved by the brethren of his lodge, and by all who knew him.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst : Visited March 31st, 1890, where, by the instructions of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, their hall was dedicated by me. I also examined the work of the lodge and found it good ; books well kept ; and they appear now to be working in perfect harmony.

Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge : Visited April 1st, 1890. Their lodge room is good, and the furniture would be a credit to any lodge in the district. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees by the W.M. and his officers, and the work was well done. Books are well kept, and in their proper place. Attendance good.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville : Visited 2nd April, 1890. Attendance good. The third degree was conferred in a manner not surpassed by any lodge visited by me in the district, by the W.M. McKenny, assisted by W. Bro. Sacred. This lodge is in a flourishing condition. The books are well kept, and everything appears to be in good order.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud : Visited 3rd April, 1890. Attendance fair. The work of the lodge I found was done fairly well. The books are well kept, and there has been a marked improvement here as to payment of dues.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford : Visited 4th April, 1890. Small attendance. No actual work was before the lodge, but it was opened and closed in the three degrees. This was well done. The books are in good order, and I find the lodge in a fairly prosperous condition.

Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound : Visited May 20th, 1890. Attendance small. The work of this lodge is done in a very satisfactory manner by the W.M. and his officers. They have a good and well furnished hall, and I can report this to be a prosperous lodge.

Caledonia Lodge, No. 249, Midland : Visited May 21st, 1890. The work was exemplified in a very efficient manner. I examined the books of this lodge and found they are well kept, but they do not show much of an increase in membership for the last two years, but matters in this respect have lately improved.

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetanguishene : Visited, May 22nd, 1890, R. W. Bro. Jennings in the chair. The work of this lodge was well done. Their hall is good and kept in excellent order. I can report this lodge in a prosperous condition.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown : Visited May 23rd, 1890. The lodge room here is poor, but they are making arrangements for improvement in this respect. On the occasion of my visit there was a fair attendance. Their financial standing is very good. The work was very well exemplified by the W. M., but his officers appeared to know little about it.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton : Visited May 26th, 1890. Judging from former reports there has been a great improvement in this lodge. They have a neat hall, good officers who did well, and the books are neatly kept.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston : Visited May 27th, 1890. We have had very bad reports for the past two years, and I therefore made a special inspection, and caused all the officers to be placed in their proper positions and the work exemplified, which was done in a most efficient manner. I am pleased to report great improvement in this lodge, and nothing but brotherly love appears to prevail. The books were examined and found in fair condition, but they have not followed the form laid down in the Constitution (Appendix C). Their attention was called to this matter, and I have no doubt it will be properly attended to.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelburne : Visited May 28th, 1890. This is a prosperous lodge. Their work is well done, and books are well kept. Their room is excellent, and prospects bright.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton : Visited May 29th, 1890. There has been some improvement in this lodge since former late reports, attendance small. Under the present officers I think there will be steady progress, as they appear to be active and efficient officers.

On the occasion of the visit to this district at Barrie of the M. W. Grand Master, I regret that I was prevented from attending on account of business that arose when prepared to go. I have issued during the year three dispensations to wear Craft clothing at Masonic lectures and two to wear it at divine services. The following deaths have been reported to me : R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, Owen Sound ; Bro. Peter McLaren, Midland ; W. Bro. Walter Hunter, Clarksburg ; Bro. W. Nelson, Cookstown ; Bro. Elliott Thompson, Meaford. I find that this district is a very large one, and therefore the labor is great in performing the official duties, and would respectfully call attention to the notice of motion given by W. Bro. Jas. Whitten at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, to the attention of the Committee re-Distribution of Districts. I now wish to tender my sincere thanks to the officers and brethren of the district for the many acts of kindness shown to me on my official visits during my term of office.

Yours fraternally,

THOS. MCCARROLL, D.D.G.M.,

Georgian District, No. 9.

Meaford, 30th June, 1890.

#### NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 10.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario :*

**MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :**

I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Tenth Masonic District.

Having been honored with the election to the important office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Old Niagara District, my first official act was to appoint as District Secretary, W. Bro. Noble, who

has proved a very efficient officer. I directed him to write to the secretaries of all the lodges in the district, asking them to send me a copy of their by-laws, as no copies were then in the hands of the D.D.G.M., and also to send a copy of the summons of each lodge uniting, only two lodges having been in the habit of doing this. These requests were responded to by nearly all of the lodges, and have materially assisted me in my work.

I have visited all of the lodges in the district once, and five of them twice during the year. Having adopted the plan of visiting, as far as possible, weak lodges first, and learning that Welland Lodge, No. 36, Fontheill, was in a dormant condition, after some preliminary writing, I arranged to meet the brethren on the 3rd of October, 1889. Having driven over from Welland, accompanied by R.W. Bro. I. P. Wilson, an old P.M. of the lodge, I found four brethren assembled in what could scarcely be called a lodge, as they have neither warrant, furniture, lodge room, working tools, nor records, they having all been destroyed by fire over a year previously. As they seemed somewhat desirous of reviving the lodge I stated that if they would raise \$100 with which to pay off arrears of Grand Lodge dues (\$44.75), and procure a new copy of their charter, I would use my best efforts to assist them to revive it. Matters so continued until February, 1890, when, the brethren having failed to raise the \$100 to revive the lodge, I proposed an amalgamation with some other lodge, it being one of the oldest in the jurisdiction, and the parent of all other lodges in Welland County. With this in view, having procured from the Grand Secretary a list of members with P.M.'s. distinguished, I wrote to each of the latter asking what they thought best to do. None seemed disposed to take hold of the matter very energetically. I then called a meeting for April 23rd, on which occasion I found 7 members and 2 visitors assembled. Lodge being opened without a warrant, by permission of the Grand Master, the subjects of revival, amalgamation, and abandonment of the lodge were very thoroughly discussed, with a result strongly in favor of the latter. In fact, a motion for an amalgamation could not get a seconder. There appears to be an element of discord as well as other obstacles to the lodge's revival. My thanks are due to R.W. Bro. Wilson, who accompanied me on both visits to the lodge.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 338, Wellandport : Visited Nov. 5th, 1889. This lodge numbers about 20 members in good standing. Its condition is not what I would desire. There have only been five meetings during the last year. No work is being done, and Grand Lodge dues are in arrears some \$40, which is a great deal for so small a lodge, and returns have not been made for a year and a half. They have, however, a comfortable and suitable lodge room with very good furniture, which I urged them to have insured. I am glad to report that the brethren are working in the greatest harmony. The W.M. opened in the first and second degrees with rather moderate accuracy. At my request the examination of visitors was exemplified by W. Bro. Shafley, with great credit to both the W. Bro. who examined and the Bro. who offered himself as a candidate for admission as visitor. The Secretary's books are only in a fair state. With some exertion on the part of the officers and brethren, the lodge would still have a prospect of doing good work. June 24th,—The Secretary of Dufferin Lodge writes me that since my visit, Grand Lodge returns have been sent in up to date, and that the lodge furniture has been insured. But meetings have been very irregularly held.

Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold : Visited Nov. 6th, 1889. This lodge has 72 members on its roll ; average attendance 13. Ten Masons

have been made during the last fifteen months. All the regular and five emergent meetings have been held. They have a very fine lodge room in which to meet, the furniture of which is covered by insurance. The dues of members should be more closely looked after; a number are over two and three years in arrears. The greatest harmony prevails in the lodge. The W.M., assisted by three P.M.'s worked the first degree with only fair accuracy. The Master is, however, an enthusiastic Mason, and will persevere until he is perfect in the work. The lecture was given by Bro. McMaster, of Clifton, as J.W., with fair accuracy. The Secretary, Bro. Fish, keeps his books accurately and neatly. The lodge has very good prospects. It has just suffered a great loss in the death of the distinguished Bro. John Dale, P.D.D.G.M., and treasurer of the lodge. June 24th, 1890.—I learn that the lodge has followed my suggestion, and materially reduced the amount of arrearages for dues.

St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga: Visited Nov. 7th, 1889. This lodge has thirty-three members on its roll; average attendance, 10; No. at visit, 14. One brother has been initiated during the last year, and another has been proposed. Only ten meetings have been held. Grand Lodge returns had not been made since 1885, and no Grand Lodge dues paid since then. The W.M. promised to attend to the matter, as well as to have the furniture of the lodge insured. The W. M., V.W. Bro. Hoshal, is the most graceful workman whom I have ever had the pleasure to listen to, he of course works all the degrees. The books are kept in a fair condition by W. Bro. Cameron, Sec. June 24th, 1890.—The W.M. has written me that the Grand Lodge returns have, since my visit, been made up to date, and the furniture insured.

Annuity Lodge, No. 32, Dunville: Visited Nov. 13th, 1889. This lodge has 56 members on its roll; average attendance, 10; No. present at visit 19. No work has been done for some time, in fact the lodge had not been opened in the third degree before my visit for three years. An initiation was expected, and the W.M. was prepared to do it, but as the candidate did not appear, I asked him to open and close in the second and third degrees, which was done in rather an inaccurate manner. However the W.M. and Wardens promised to brighten up in those points, and as there is a prospect of some work, things will probably improve. Ten meetings were held during the last year. The hall is suitable. I asked the Secretary to see that the furniture be insured. The lodge is unfortunately in a bad financial condition, as when it was more prosperous a larger hall was engaged and built, but difficulties arising it has never been occupied. The Secretary's books are very well kept. At the time of my first visit the prospects of the lodge were rather poor. Visited again May 7th, 1890, found the lodge much improved since my last visit. The third degree was worked very creditably. I am also told that the lodge is in a much better condition financially, part of the arrears of rent being paid, and with the prospect of some work the debt is likely to be wiped out, and the lodge established on a good footing, as it should be in so prosperous a town as Dunnville.

Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland: Visited December 2nd, 1889. This lodge has 82 members on its roll, and is one of the best in the district. Average attendance, 25; number present at visit, 40. A good deal of work is being done. The second degree was worked in a very creditable manner by all the officers. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are neatly and accurately kept. The funds are deposited in the bank. The lodge has a beautiful room in which to meet; the furniture is amply insured. Only two members are in arrears for one year. The assets of the lodge are over \$1,000. Liabilities nothing. The prospects are very good.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Drummondville : Visited December 3rd, 1889. Number present, 25 ; the membership is 49. Fifteen meetings have been held in the year, with an average attendance of 10. Owing to a railway accident, I was late in arriving, and found a candidate being initiated. The work was accurately done ; but owing principally to rapidity, not very impressively. They have a beautiful room in which to meet, the furniture of which is insured. The Secretary's books are well kept. Arrearages of dues are small. A good deal of material is offering, and the prospects of the lodge are good. The W. M. elect is a young man, but promises to make a good officer.

Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie : Visited December 4th, 1889. Number present, 11. The membership of the lodge is 48. Ten meetings have been held with an average attendance of 10. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and examination of visitors exemplified in a very creditable manner. The lodge room is bright, cheerful and well furnished. They have been burnt out twice, but were fortunate in being insured each time. The Secretary's books are in first-class condition, but show a great deal too many brethren in arrears for dues, there being 38 over one year, 25 over two, 11 over three, 9 over four, 6 over five years in arrears. The W. M. is capable of doing all the work, and some material is now presenting itself. The Master elect is likely to be a good officer. June 24th, 1890.—The Secretary of Seymour Lodge writes me that the arrearages of dues have been largely reduced since my visit. The prospects of the lodge are now very good.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines : Visited Dec. 12th, 1889. Thirty-nine brethren being present. The lodge has 98 members ; 14 meetings have been held ; average attendance, 20. The W. M. worked the first degree in a very creditable manner. The Masonic Temple is commodious and comfortable, and the brethren of St. Catharines purpose laying out some money in further decorating it. The Secretary is an able officer ; the arrearages of dues are small. The present W. M. has worked all the degrees, and the W. M. elect is likely to maintain the credit of the lodge. Its prospects are very good.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis : Visited Dec. 27th, 1889. Thirty brethren being present. The membership is 40 ; 17 meetings have been held during the year, with an average attendance of 17. The lodge is in a very prosperous condition, owing largely to the untiring efforts of the W. M. and officers. The officers installed that night are likely to keep up the reputation of the lodge, as each one was able to do his part of the work, especially the new W. M., who was able to work correctly all three degrees. They have a comfortable and pleasant lodge room in which to meet, about \$100 worth of presents having been received during last year by the lodge, from its officers and members. The Secretary does his work promptly and well. Eight members have been received during the year. The prospects of the lodge are very good.

Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls : Visited Jan. 30th, 1890. Thirty-three brethren were present. The membership is 64 ; 16 meetings have been held during the year, with an average attendance of 25. The W. M. worked the second degree very well. The lodge room is comfortable, and tastefully furnished. The lodge is in a good condition financially, assets \$1,000, liabilities *nil*. No Bro. is in arrears over one year. The Secretary's books are well kept. The prospects of the lodge are very good.

McNab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne : Visited Feb. 4th, 1890. Thirty members being present. The lodge has 59 members on its roll ;

12 meetings have been held during the year, with an average attendance of 16. The Master worked the third degree both accurately and gracefully. The Secretary's books are in good condition, but show a large number of brethren in arrears for dues for periods varying from one year to four, which is to be regretted. The prospects of the lodge are on the whole, very good.

Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville : I paid a short visit on Dec. 27th, 1889, for the purpose of installing their officers, who appear to have been judiciously selected. The W.M., Dr. McDonald, very pluckily undertook to raise a candidate immediately after being installed, which he did very creditably. Visited again Feb. 11th, 1890, when an especial communication of Grand Lodge was held, and I dedicated their hall. 50 members and visitors being present. The membership is 32; average attendance, 12. A good deal of work is being done in this lodge since its removal to Hagersville in 1888. In connection with the progress of Hiram Lodge, the name of W. Bro. Dr. Sherk, I.P.M., and for many years Master, deserves my special mention and commendation. The present prosperous condition is largely due to his exertions. The present officers are able to do all the work very fairly. The arrearages of dues are small. The lodge room is large and comfortable: the lodge has by my advice procured a suitable seal, and is taking steps to have the by-laws printed. The prospects of the lodge are good.

Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines : Visited Feb. 26th, 1890. No. present, 40; Membership, 54; average attendance, 20. The ceremony of installation was performed by V.W. Bro. Klotz in a very creditable manner. This being the last meeting of the lodge year, the Secretary presented a detailed report of the work done by the lodge and its financial standing, which showed that its prospects are such as to be creditable to the retiring Master, who found it at his installation three years ago in a very bad condition, in fact bankrupt financially. There is now in the Treasurer's hands a balance of over two hundred dollars.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville : Visited March 4th, 1890. There are 47 members on the roll; 34 were present at my visit; 14 meetings have been held during the year, with an average attendance of 12. A great deal of very good work has been done. The first and third degrees were worked on the night of my visit, but owing to delay of train I only had the pleasure of listening to the latter, which was fairly well rendered. I had the pleasure of meeting R.W. Bro. Gavin Stewart, P.D.D.G.M., and R.W. Bro. Malloy, D.D.G.M., of Hamilton District. The presence of these distinguished brethren added much to the enjoyment of a very pleasant evening spent with the brethren of this lodge. In regard to hospitality it is the banner lodge of the district. Its prospects are very bright.

Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Victoria : Visited March 11th, 1890. Number present, 18. There are 38 members on the roll; 14 meetings have been held during the year; average attendance, 15. The first degree was exemplified by the W.M. fairly well for officers who had just assumed the chairs. The prospects of the lodge are good.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson : Visited April 1st, 1890. Number present, 14; membership, 42. Three emergent and all the regular meetings were held except one, which could not be for want of a warrant, the lodge having been burnt out in December, losing everything except the Great Lights. They were fortunate or rather provident in being insured, and as W. Bro. Bennett proposed to build a beautiful lodge-room, the plans of which he showed me, the brethren

soon expect to be in comfortable quarters and in full swing again. The examination of visitors was exemplified very well, and a very pleasant evening spent. The prospects of the lodge are good.

Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York : Visited April 28th, 1890. Number present, 19 ; membership, 20. Only 5 meetings have been held during the year owing to bad roads and the impassable condition of the Grand River. The average attendance is 10. The second degree was worked only in a fair manner by the W.M., but as there were three proposals before the lodge, and thus a prospect of work and the Master promised to brighten up in the rendering of it. I hope that Enniskillen may soon be as noted for its accurate work as it is now for its financial condition, and the hospitality with which they always receive visiting brethren. The lodge owns the building in which the hall is situated. The prospects of the lodge are good,

Copetstone Lodge, No. 373, Welland : Visited May 1st, 1890. Number present, 11 ; membership, 36. The examination of visitors was exemplified, and some points of Masonic interest were explained by R.W. Bro. I. P. Wilson. There have been eleven meetings held during the year ; average attendance, 13. A better attendance by the officers is to be desired, as neither of the Wardens and only one Deacon were present at my visit, thus placing the W.M. at a great disadvantage. The prospects of this lodge are fair.

Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby : Visited May 29th, 1890. Number present, 21 ; membership, 53. This lodge has done no work whatever during last year, yet the meetings are well attended, the average being 18. The lodge has met regularly, and I am told an enjoyable time has been spent each evening. The greatest harmony prevails. The lodge room is a suitable one, and has been occupied by Union Lodge for nearly forty years. The lodge is nearly 100 years old, the minutes being preserved since 1797. The prospects of the lodge are very bright.

St. George's Lodge, No. 7, St. Catharines : Visited June 3rd, 1890. Membership, 106 ; average attendance, 20. The attendance at my visit was not large (there being only 21 present), owing to a political meeting near-by. The W.M. was absent from the city. He is able to do all the work. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are well kept but show that arrears of lodge dues are rather large, 25 being over one, 10 over two, and 2 over three years in arrears. The lodge is well worked, and its prospects are very good.

Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara : The oldest in the jurisdiction ; visited June 24th, 1890. The membership is 42 ; 37, including visitors, were present at my visit. The W.M. opened the lodge in the three degrees with tolerable accuracy. The lodge presented quite a military appearance as some 17 brethren were present from the Niagara camp, among which I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bros. Wayling and Jennings, and many other eminent Masons. The old Niagara lodge is in a prosperous condition. The building in which it now meets is owned and amply insured by the lodge. The room is tastefully fitted up. The prospects of the lodge are very good.

The total membership of the district is 1,132, an average of 51 to each lodge. The average attendance at all lodge meetings, 15 ; average attendance, nights of visits, 26.

The rather numerous suggestions that I have made, both to the lodges and to the officers and members personally, have always been kindly received, and, in nearly each case, acted on.

I have granted dispensations to four lodges to appear in public in Masonic clothing, viz.: Hiram, 319 ; King Solomon, 329 ; Merritt, 168 ; and Temple, 296.

I append a table showing the work done in the district, and other facts not reported in the ordinary way to the Grand Secretary.

In conclusion, I may confidently say that Masonry has made decided progress in this district during the year. I desire to thank the brethren of the Niagara District for the cordial manner in which they have always received me at my official visits.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

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WM. JAKES, M.D., D.D.G.M.,  
Niagara District, No. 10.

Jarvis, June 28th, 1890.

TABLE SHOWING WORK DONE IN NIAGARA DISTRICT NO. 10, JUNE 24, 1889, TO JUNE 24, 1890.

NO.	LODGE.	Membership.	Meetings.	Average attendance.	Financial standing.	No. in arrears over one year.	Degrees worked by W. M.	Prospects.
2	Niagara .....	43	14	13	Very Good.	9	1st	Good.
7	Union .....	53	13	18	Good.	5	All	Very Good.
15	St. George's .....	106	18	20	Good.	25	"	Very Good.
32	Amity .....	56	10	10	Poor.	..	"	Improving.
35	St. John's .....	33	10	10	Poor.	12	"	Fair.
36	Welland .....	24	1	..	Nil.	All	..	Nil.
103	Maple Leaf .....	98	14	20	Good.	5	All	Very Good.
106	St. Mark's .....	48	15	10	Fair.	8	"	Good.
116	Ivy .....	47	14	12	Good.	10	"	Bright.
163	Merride .....	82	20	25	Good.	2	"	Bright.
169	Macnab .....	59	12	16	Good.	17	"	Good.
185	Emiskillen .....	29	5	10	Very Good.	8	1st	Good.
221	Mountain .....	72	17	18	Good.	8	All	Good.
254	Clifton .....	64	16	25	Very Good.	0	"	Good.
277	Seymour .....	48	10	10	Good.	16	"	Good.
296	Temple .....	54	15	20	Good.	2	"	Good.
319	Hiram .....	34	15	12	Fair.	2	"	Very Good.
329	King Solomon .....	43	17	17	Good.	0	"	Good.
337	Myrde .....	42	14	15	Good.	14	"	Good.
338	Dufferin .....	29	5	10	Poor.	..	1st	Not Very Good.
372	Palmer .....	38	14	16	Good.	2	All	Good.
373	Copestone .....	36	11	13	Fair.	8	"	Fair.

## TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 11.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario :*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Eleventh Masonic District.

The District contains 35 warranted lodges and one working under dispensation. I had the pleasure of visiting each lodge once and some of them twice, and am happy to be able to report that Masonry in the district is in a prosperous and satisfactory condition, and as the representative of the M.W. the Grand Master, I was received by the brethren with courtesy and respect.

I desire to take this opportunity of expressing the pleasure I have had in visiting the different lodges, and of seeing the work exemplified, and to thank the brethren for the generous and kind treatment I received at their hands. During the year several matters were referred to me to adjudicate upon, and while in some cases my rulings may not have been entirely satisfactory to all parties, I dealt with them all, I hope, in a just and impartial manner and brought to bear upon the consideration of each of them such knowledge as I possessed or could acquire of Masonic law. In September, 1889, I was called upon to investigate a complaint from Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, against W. Bro. J. E. Knox, the W.M. of Patterson Lodge, No. 265, in that W. Bro. Knox had initiated into Patterson Lodge two gentlemen whose residence was in the city of Toronto, and outside that of Patterson Lodge, without having obtained the consent of any Toronto Lodge to their initiation in Patterson Lodge. On looking into the matter I found that although it was not necessary to obtain the consent of any city lodge to the taking of the candidates into Patterson Lodge, it was necessary, however, to obtain a dispensation under sections 215 and 222 of the Constitution. I therefore wrote to W. Bro. Knox to ascertain if he had obtained the required dispensation, and if not, how could he justify his action in committing such a breach of the Constitution. Before his answer was received I laid the complaint of Ashlar Lodge with what I had done before the M.W. the G.M. for his instructions. I was directed by him to enquire fully into the facts and report the same to him. Accordingly I made an enquiry and presented to him my report together with all the correspondence relating to the matter. The Grand Master deemed it necessary in the interests of Masonry, to suspend Bro. J. E. Knox from his position of Master until the meeting of Grand Lodge, when the report and correspondence would be laid before the Committee on General Purposes. In November last I was directed by the M.W. the Grand Master to enquire and report as to the charges contained in a letter from Bro. E. U. Davies, in which he stated that Bro. Jackson Blizard, a member of Doric Lodge, No. 316, had printed the ritual of the three degrees and that it had been set up in his office by a non-Mason. I proceeded, ex-parte, to take evidence as to the said charges and reported the same to the Grand Master.

In December last W. Bro. L. B. Montgomery, W.M. of St. George's Lodge, No. 367, G.R.C., on the night of installation of officers refused to install the W.M. elect on the ground that in answer to the question, "Brethren, are you still satisfied with your choice of W. Master of your Lodge?" one of the brethren objected, and he considered that the brethren not being unanimous in replying in the affirmative to the question, he was justified in postponing the installation, and wrote

asking me "whether a majority of the brethren replying in the affirmative is meant, or whether entire unanimity must prevail." He also stated that the ballot papers used in the election were sealed the night they were used and were still in his possession, he had appointed a committee to examine them and report at the next regular meeting as to whether the objection was well taken, the objection being, that, as there were two brethren whose names were pronounced the same but spelt differently, viz.: one "Riddle," and the other "Riddell," the scrutineers not being aware of that fact put all those ballots to the account of Bro. Riddle, and that all marked "Riddell" should be rejected and considered spoiled ballots. I ruled as to the first point, that the objection of one brother alone was not sufficient to postpone the installation, but that if a show of hands was in favor of sustaining the objection that the installing officer would be justified in postponing it. As to the second point I ruled that the Committee would not be justified in opening the ballot papers, and that the ballot papers should not have been kept, but should have been destroyed as soon as the election was over. I would like the Board of General Purposes to say if I was right in my rulings, especially on the second point, as I find it not unusual for the ballot papers to be kept.

On the 19th January last, while on a visit to Toronto, M. W. Bro. Canon O'Meara, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, preached an eloquent and instructive sermon to the brethren in Toronto, in All Saints' Church. The brethren turned out in large numbers and the church was filled to the doors. A collection was taken up on behalf of the widows' and orphans' fund. The thanks of the brethren of the city are due to W. Bro. Clark and the officers of Wilson Lodge, No. 86, for calling the lodge together and for the trouble they took to make the gathering a success.

In the month of April last, W. Bro. W. R. Clark, W. M. of Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, submitted the following question to the M. W. the G. M.: "Is it legal for a lodge to call off for refreshments during the evening and resume labor and transact business after 12 o'clock?" The Grand Master sent the letter of Bro. Clark to me to answer, and after consideration of the same, I answered his question in the affirmative. I am aware that M. W. Bro. Hy. Robertson, P. G. M., in his excellent Masonic digest holds a contrary view, and it was with great diffidence I gave my ruling contrary to the opinion of so eminent a Masonic jurist, but I could not see my way to agree with his reasoning, and would respectfully request the Board to say if the ruling of M. W. Bro. Robertson as laid down in his digest is one which I should have followed, as it will be well for the Masters of the different lodges to have the point decided, it being a very common thing for the W. M. to call off and not resume work till after 12.

During the year I have had forwarded to me a large number of amendments to the by-laws of various lodges, and in one instance, namely, that of Orient Lodge, No. 339, a new and complete set of by-laws was passed by the lodge. The M. W. G. Master was pleased to approve of the various amendments and the by-laws of Orient Lodge.

During the year the following deaths have been reported to me: Bro. Wm. Phillips, M. M., Mimico Lodge, No. 369; Bro. Thomas Gormley, M. M., member of Doric Lodge, U. D., Pickering; Bro. Jas. Erskin, M. M., Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto; Bro. William J. Young, Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto. I am aware that there have been several deaths which have not been reported to me. In this respect the secretaries have not complied with the Constitution, except those of the lodges above named.

I called a Lodge of Instruction for the district, to be held on the 21st March last, and the same was held under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, No. 75. To exemplify the work in the first degree, I appointed W. Bro. R. W. Hull and officers of York Lodge, No. 156; for the second degree, W. Bro. W. R. Clarke and officers of Ashlar Lodge, No. 247; for the third degree, W. Bro. W. E. Smith and officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 75. The work was all that could be desired, and all the officers did their work in a highly satisfactory manner. The attendance was very large and I trust that the meeting resulted in profit and benefit to the officers and members of the various lodges who were present.

I granted dispensations to the following lodges to attend Divine service: Wilson Lodge, No. 86 and Ionic Lodge, No. 229. I received a large number of dispensations from different lodges which I forwarded to the Grand Secretary for issuance by the M.W. the Grand Master, as I did not deem them within my jurisdiction.

On the 8th April last the brethren in Toronto and neighborhood were again honored with a visit from the M.W. the Grand Master, when he attended the regular meeting of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16. The attendance was a large one to do honor to him. The W.M., W. Bro. McDonald was in the chair, and the third degree was worked in an excellent manner by him and his officers. The Grand Master expressed his pleasure at the manner in which the work had been done, and also gave a very instructive account of the origin of the third degree which was highly appreciated by all the brethren present. At the refreshment table, in reply to the toast of the G.M. and the Grand Lodge of Canada, the G.M. gave an interesting account of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada and of its growth and prosperity since then.

On the 30th May the brethren of Toronto were honoured by a visit from His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught at an emergency meeting held under the auspices of Ionic Lodge, No. 25. H.R.H. was received in the ante-room by M.W. Bro. Kerr, P.G.M., myself, R.W. Bro. F. M. Morson, Grand Registrar, and R.W. Bro. Geo. J. Bennett, P.G.R. He was presented to the W. Master and the large gathering of brethren by M.W. Bro. Kerr. After being welcomed by W. Bro. Ryerson, the W. M. of Ionic Lodge, H.R.H. was conducted to the East. After the Grand Honors had been given he was presented with an address by W. Bro. Ryerson on behalf of the Toronto brethren, to which he responded in an eloquent manner. The gathering was an exceedingly large and representative one, and was the largest gathering of Masons ever held at any one time in the Masonic Temple on Toronto Street, and the occasion was one long to be remembered by the Masons of Toronto. H.R.H. was graciously pleased to become an honorary member of Ionic Lodge, and signed the by-laws. After H.R.H. had retired to the Templar Room, he was pleased to have presented to him the Grand Lodge Officers, W.M's. and P.M's. who had been present in the lodge room. Before he finally left the building he joined with the brethren in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

In August last I received from the Grand Secretary a dispensation to certain brethren in Pickering to start a lodge to be called Doric Lodge, and I was instructed to see the same properly started. Accordingly I visited Pickering with a view of selecting a room, and before I left suitable quarters had been decided upon, but owing to some trouble with the landlord, the brethren had to give up those which had been chosen, and with my consent they selected a building which is situated on the ground floor, but which is perfectly safe from intrusion.

On 16th January last I visited Pickering and opened the lodge. I was accompanied by V.W. Bro. McCarter, G.P., and W. Bro. Cuthbert, P.M. of Stevenson Lodge, No. 218. There were a large number of visitors present from Whitby, Oshawa, and Brougham. After the opening of the lodge and reading the dispensation, I placed the W.M., Senior and Junior Wardens in their respective chairs, the other officers were named by the W.M. and took their respective chairs. The prospects when the lodge was started seemed to be good.

On the 26th day of June I again visited at Pickering with a view of ascertaining the progress made by the said lodge, and found the work to be done in a highly satisfactory manner; a considerable increase in membership has taken place, there having been two affiliations and ten initiations, and the books were neatly kept. The prospects are exceedingly good. I have therefore much pleasure in recommending that a warrant be granted to said lodge, and in certifying that the lodge is suitably and comfortably furnished; there are no accounts due to tradesmen for the furniture, and the debt which the members are carrying among themselves is only \$150.

#### OFFICIAL VISITS.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto: My first official visit was paid to this lodge on 3rd September, 1889, it being my mother lodge. The first degree was conferred by R.W. Bro. Morson, the W.M., in a satisfactory manner. The attendance was fair, considering that the weather was very warm, and it being the first meeting of the lodge after the holidays. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Allen, District Secretary. On the 21st May I again visited this lodge at an emergency meeting called by the W.M. to enable me to see the exemplification of the work. W. Bro. Ryerson conferred the first degree. The W.M. opened and closed his lodge in the three degrees. The work was done by the W.M. and all his officers in a satisfactory manner. The charge of the J.W. was exceedingly well given. The secretary's books were very neatly and correctly kept, and the lodge is to be congratulated on having so efficient a secretary as Bro. W. Barwick, and he reports the dues as being well paid up. The attendance on this occasion was over twenty. Prospects of this lodge are very good.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto: I visited this lodge on the 5th September, 1889, accompanied by W. Bro. Allen. The attendance of both members and visitors was good. The work in the first degree was correctly rendered by W. Bro. Bain, and he was well supported by his officers. The lecture on the Tracing-board by the J.W. was correctly rendered, and it was a pleasure to hear the charge to the newly initiated candidate, given by W. Bro. E. F. Clarke. I found the Secretary's books in good order and neatly kept. The membership has increased, and the prospects are good.

York Lodge, No. 156, North Toronto: I visited this lodge on the 6th September, 1889, accompanied by W. Bro. A. Allen. The attendance was fair. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. J. H. McKenzie in a very satisfactory manner, and the work of his officers was very good. I found the Secretary's books in good order. I visited this lodge again on the 27th June, 1890, and was pleased to hear W. Bro. Hull and officers render the work so correctly and impressively. The charge of the J.W. was ably given. The attendance was large. The Secretary's books were correctly kept. This is one of the best worked lodges in the district. The prospects are exceedingly good.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto: I visited this lodge on 17th Sept., 1889. W. Bro. J. Firstbrook, the W.M., was in the chair. The work was well done, and as the work of the Junior officers was not as correct

as I should like to have seen it, I suggested that Lodges of Instruction be held. The Secretary's books were correctly kept, and I found the dues well paid up. The average attendance is about 30. The attendance was good, considering it was Exhibition time, and there were many other attractions in the city. On the 21st January, 1890, I again visited this lodge to hear a lecture by M.W. Bro. Canon O'Meara, G.M. of Manitoba. There was a large attendance of the Craft, and the lecture was replete with good advice and instruction, and was highly appreciated by the large number of brethren present. On the 18th March, 1890, I again visited this lodge to hear R.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, P.D. D.G.M., give an address on "The Worshipful Master." The hall was crowded by a large and appreciative audience. The address was an intellectual treat and contained much good advice and instruction, and was listened to with great interest. The brethren appreciated his efforts by according him a hearty vote of thanks. The W.M., Bro. Geo. M. Clarke, is an efficient worker, and is ably supported by his officers.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto: I visited this lodge on the 21st October, 1889, accompanied by W. Bro. Allen. There was a very large attendance of members, it being the twentieth anniversary of the lodge. The first degree was worked by W. Bro. Nicholson. The work was exceedingly well done by him and his officers. The Secretary's books were a model of neatness, and he is to be commended for the way in which his books have been kept, and also the manner in which he has got in the outstanding dues belonging to this lodge. It has a membership of 170, with an average attendance of 68. The prospects are very good.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto: Accompanied by W. Bro. Allen, I visited this lodge on the 17th October, 1889. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The first degree was worked by W. Bro. R. F. Williams, in a very satisfactory manner, the other officers were also well up in their work. The Secretary's books I found to be neatly and correctly kept. The returns had all been made to Grand Lodge. I again visited this lodge on the 19th June, 1890. The second degree was worked by W. Bro. McCartney and his officers, the work was satisfactorily done. There was a good attendance. I found the present Secretary's books exceedingly well kept. This lodge I am pleased to say, has one of the most active and prompt Secretaries in the district. The prospects are good.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto: My first visit to this lodge was on the 22nd October, 1889. The attendance of both members and visitors was large. Quite a number of the W.M.'s of the city lodges were paying official visits. There being no candidate for any degree, the W.M., Bro. G. S. Percy, exemplified the third degree; W. Bro. Allen kindly acted as a candidate. The work was done in an almost perfect manner from the W.M. to the Junior officers. I found the Secretary's books in a very satisfactory state. This lodge continues to maintain the reputation it gained in the past for the excellent way in which the work in every degree is performed by the Master and his officers. This I attribute to the fact that there is a Lodge of Instruction held every month, prior to the regular meeting, for the purpose of going over the work for the next meeting. I would like to see the example of this lodge followed by more of the lodges in the district. On the 22nd of April, 1890, I again visited this lodge. The attendance was also large, and the third degree conferred on two candidates. W. Bro. W. R. Clarke, the present W.M., I find to be one of the best workers in the district, and the work that was done that evening by all who took part in the degree could not have been better or more satisfactory. The lodge still

holds its position for correct work that it has maintained for some years past. The Secretary's books were a model of neatness and correctness. The prospects are bright.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto: I visited this lodge on the 29th day of October, 1889. The attendance of members and visitors was large; among the latter were R.W. Bro. Morson, G. Registrar, and also W.M. of Ionic Lodge, No. 25; R.W. Bro. Howse, D.D.G.M., Twelfth Masonic District, together with the Worshipful Masters of St. Andrew's, St. John's, Stevenson, Ashlar, and Zeta Lodges. The first degree was worked by W. Bro. H. A. Taylor in a correct and impressive manner, and he was ably supported by all his officers; the J.W. gave the lecture of the Tracing-board correctly, and the charge to the candidate was given by W. Bro. Cavell, W.M. of Zeta Lodge. I found the Secretary's books to be very neatly and correctly kept. The lodge is in a very prosperous state, having had 15 candidates during the term of W. Bro. H. A. Taylor. The prospects are good.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto: I visited this lodge on the 12th November, 1889. The attendance was large; amongst the visitors were W. Bro. Allen; W. Bro. G. S. Percy, W.M. Ashlar Lodge; W. Bro. O'Hara, P.M. Zetland Lodge. The election of officers took place at this meeting, and I was pleased to see the harmonious way in which the election passed off. Owing to the lateness of the hour no other work was done, except the opening and closing of the three degrees by the W.M. and his officers. The lodge has had a successful year under the Mastership of W. Bro. Glanville. The Secretary's books were correctly kept. The prospects are good.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Islington: I visited this lodge accompanied by W. Bro. A. S. Ardagh, P.M., Doric Lodge, on the 3rd December, 1889. There was a good attendance of the members. I had the honor of installing Bro. Hicks as W.M., and also investing the other officers. W. Bro. Hicks closed his lodge in the three degrees in a very correct and satisfactory manner. I found that the past year had been a successful one. I found the late Secretary's books to be fairly well kept. I regret that I was unable to visit this lodge again at any of its regular meetings before the presentation of this Report, because it so happened that their meetings came on the same night as several of the lodges which I had not visited. I propose paying them another visit on the 7th July. While at the Secretary's office a short time ago I took occasion to examine his books, and am pleased to say that I found them to be a model of neatness. This lodge has a very efficient Secretary in Bro. E. C. Davis. I found the dues well paid up and the lodge in a very satisfactory condition. The prospects are very good.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto: On the 5th December, 1889, I visited this lodge. The attendance was a very large one both of members and visitors. Among the visitors were W. Bro. E. F. Clarke, R.W. Bros. Bennett and Rowe, W. Bro. H. Collins, P.M. Doric Lodge, and W. Bro. Dr. King, P.M. Wilson Lodge. It being the night of the election of officers, and as almost the whole evening was taken up by that business, no work was exemplified. I found that the W.M., Bro. George S. Booth, has had an exceedingly successful year, there being 26 initiations and 10 affiliations. The prospects were exceedingly good. The Secretary's books were very neatly kept, and I found all the returns had been correctly made to Grand Lodge. Although I have not had an opportunity to visit this lodge a second time, I am informed by the W. M. that owing to dissensions that have arisen over the result of the last election, the lodge has not been working with that peace and harmony which one could desire. I hope that the differences which are at present existing, may be shortly settled in an amicable manner.

St. George's Lodge, No. 367, Toronto : I visited this lodge on the 27th December, 1889, for the purpose of installing Bro. Riddle as W.M., at the request of W. Bro. L. B. Montgomery, the Master of the lodge. I was assisted in the installation by W. Bro. Hetherington and R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone. The installed Master closed his lodge in the three degrees without a mistake on his part, and his officers were equally good. I found the books to be in good order and neatly kept. I regret that I have not been able to visit this lodge again before the presentation of this Report, but I expect to pay it a visit before the meeting of Grand Lodge. The prospects are good.

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton : On the 29th January, 1890, accompanied by W. Bro. Allen, I visited this lodge. There was a good attendance of members, about 30 being present. There being no work on hand, W. M. Bro. Manning opened and closed in the second and third degrees, and exemplified the first. It was exceedingly well done by all the officers and the Junior Warden's lecture was given in an impressive manner. The Secretary's books were neatly and correctly kept. I granted a dispensation to this lodge to attend Divine Service on Sunday, 29th June, 1890, in regalia.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87, Markham : I visited this lodge on the 31st of January, 1890. The attendance was small, only enough to open the lodge ; this, no doubt, was owing to the recent heavy rains having made the roads bad. There being no candidates, the W.M. opened and closed his lodge in the three degrees. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. J. A. Reesor and officers. The work was good, and the officers deserve great credit, "as they have had no work since their installation in June, 1889." I regret to say that no candidates had been received into this lodge for two years prior to my visit. The brethren, however, seemed hopeful of having material in a short time, and I have been told by the new W.M. that they have had two candidates since my visit, and that the prospects are somewhat brighter. The books of the Secretary were nicely kept.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill : I visited this lodge on the 3rd February, 1890. The attendance at this lodge was also small, owing no doubt to the heavy rain of the previous day, and also to there being a great deal of sickness in the neighborhood. The W.M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees correctly. There not being any work for two years the W.M. and his officers were unable to confer the degrees, and owing to there being such small interest taken by the brethren the W.M. has not been able to have many meetings. The W.M. and officers were hopeful of getting some candidates shortly. The books of the Secretary were neatly kept, and the dues were well paid up.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, Maple : I visited this lodge on the 4th of February, 1890. The attendance was small, as it was raining heavily and the roads were in a bad condition. The W.M., W. Bro. Smelser, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and exemplified the work of the first. The W.M. and his officers are well posted in the ritual, but I had to draw their attention to some matters of detail, such as the officers saluting the W.M. when addressed, and the knocks by the Inner Guard before opening the door. On the whole the work was well done. The Secretary is an efficient officer, and keeps his books in a very neat and correct manner. The lodge is in good financial standing, and the prospects seem bright.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 22, Toronto : Visited this lodge on the 12th February, 1890. After general business, W. Bro. Cook opened his lodge in the second degree, and one candidate was passed. W. Bro. Ander-

son conferred the degree. The work was done in a creditable manner by all the officers. The Secretary's books were neatly kept. I am glad to say that the prospects of this lodge are brighter than they have been for some years past. The trouble which has hitherto existed in the lodge seems to have passed away, and they are now working more in harmony. The night I was there 3 applicants passed; the ballot favorably. The attendance was fair. The W.M. is now able to open and close his lodge and work the three degrees.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto: Accompanied by W. Bro. Allen, I visited this lodge on the 19th February, 1890. W. Bro. Charlton, the W.M., conferred the first degree in an exceedingly creditable manner, it being the first time he had conferred it. His officers are well up in their work. The Secretary's books were neatly and correctly kept. The attendance was good, considering the unfavorable state of the weather. Prospects of this lodge are good.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge: I visited this lodge on the 28th February, 1890. The lodge was opened and closed by the W.M. in the three degrees. There being no candidate, the first degree was exemplified. The W.M. appeared to know his work, but suffered very much from nervousness, which prevented him from working the degree as I think he has the ability to do. The work of the Senior Warden was good. The Junior Warden, I regret to say, has not that knowledge of his work which his ability would enable him to acquire without much difficulty. The lodge cannot be congratulated on its place of meeting, as the approach and the ante-room are both unsuitable for a Masonic lodge. I trust that the prospects of this lodge may shortly improve so as to enable the brethren to acquire more commodious and suitable quarters. I regret to say, however, that the future of this lodge does not appear as bright as could be wished. The Secretary's books were kept in a fair manner.

Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg: On March 3rd, accompanied by W. Bro. Gilmour, P.M. of Robertson Lodge, No. 292, I visited this lodge. The chair was occupied by W. Bro. Leatherland, who was then in his second year of office as W.M. A candidate received his third degree. The work was done by the W.M., assisted by W. Bro. Gilmour. The effect of the work was somewhat detracted from by reason of the great nervousness of the W.M. He seems, however, to know his work. The Wardens do their work well. This lodge is to be congratulated on its comfortable and well furnished room. It is out of debt, and has a surplus of over one hundred dollars in the hands of the Treasurer. The Secretary of the lodge, W. Bro. Brereton, is a P.M. of some years standing, who takes a great interest in the welfare of the lodge and makes a very efficient Secretary. His books were a credit to him. The prospects are very good.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston: On March 5th, 1890, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Saunders, P.D.D.G.M., W. Bro. R. W. Hull, W.M. York Lodge, No. 156, and Bro. G. Reeves, S.W. York Lodge, I visited this lodge. The first degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. F. Ireson. The W.M. is well up in his work, as also the S.W. The J.W. and I.G. were not to be congratulated on their work. They needed further instructing and posting. The attendance was fair. The Secretary's books were neatly kept, but I had to draw his attention to the advisability of following the form set out in the Constitution. I regret to say that the lodge room is also used by the Odd Fellows and Foresters, and I drew the attention of the W.M. and officers to the requirements of the Constitution on that point, and directed them, as soon as their funds would permit, to obtain a lodge room to be used for Masonic purposes only. The prospects are fair.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket : I visited this lodge on the 12th March, 1890. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees by the W.M., W. Bro. W. T. Brunton. The third degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. W. A. Brunton. The officers are well up in their work. The W.M. opened and closed correctly. He was to have worked the first degree, but the candidate disappointed him. The books of the Secretary are very neatly kept, and the prospects of this lodge are good.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto : On the 27th March, 1890, accompanied by W. Bro. Allen, I visited this lodge. The attendance was large, both of members and visitors. As the candidate disappointed the W.M. he exemplified the first degree. The work was correctly and impressively given, and all the officers are well up in their work. The Secretary's books were very neatly and correctly kept. The prospects are good.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Sharon : I visited this lodge on the 1st April, 1890, accompanied by R.W. Bro. J. Fisher, P.D.D.G.M. The third degree was given to two candidates. The work was exceedingly well done, and the W.M. and officers deserve great credit and praise for having the work so well up, and giving it so impressively. The secretary's books were neatly and correctly kept. The dues are well paid up, and the prospects of the lodge are very good.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, Cannington : On the 2nd of April I visited this lodge ; W. Bro. Nutting, W.M., was in the chair. There being no work the W.M. exemplified the first degree and opened and closed in the three degrees. The W.M., S.W., and Deacons were well posted. The J.W. wanted more practice, he being very young in the craft and has had no opportunity to get up the work. The Secretary's books were correctly kept, the dues were well paid up, the attendance was good, and the prospects are bright. Three applications were received that night.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, Brougham : On the 9th April I visited this lodge. My thanks are due to Bro. Dr. Eastwood, J.W. of Doric Lodge, U.D., for driving me from Pickering to Brougham. The roads were in a very bad condition, being almost impassable ; for that reason the attendance was very small, a large number of the brethren not being able to get out. W. Bro. Price, W.M., opened and closed in the three degrees, and the same was creditably done by him and his officers. The attendance is usually good, but owing to the reason above given, was very small. The Secretary was not able to be present owing to the death of his father and the state of the roads, but I have no doubt, from the way in which he is spoken of by R.W. Bro. Wayling, the books are still in a satisfactory state. The prospects are not as good now as they were some time ago. This may be owing to the starting of the new lodge at Pickering. In the course of my visit I found that some of the brethren were contemplating the removal of the lodge from Brougham to Claremont, and from what I can gather I think that the interests of Masonry in the district would be best served by its removal to Claremont. I find that the majority of the brethren belonging to the lodge reside near Claremont, and while a few residing near Brougham desire to retain it there, I think that the views and interests of the majority ought to prevail.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge : I visited this lodge on the 28th April, 1890. There being no candidate the third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Todd. The lodge is to be congratulated on having so efficient a Master and officers. The work was exceedingly well done. I was pleased to find that besides the usual questions that are

asked the candidate before advancement, he is required to repeat the obligation in the former degree. The attendance was good, there being about 20 present. The Secretary's books were neatly kept. The prospects are good.

Robertson Lodge, No. 292, Nobleton: I visited this lodge on the 20th April, 1890. The attendance was small, only eight members being present. The heavy rain and the bad state of the roads caused the small attendance. The second and third degrees were conferred. The W.M. worked the second degree correctly. He opened and closed his Lodge in the three degrees. The third degree was worked by W. Bro. Gilmour, P.M. The W.M. promised to get up the third degree for the next meeting, I could not judge of the Wardens' work as they were both away, the J.W. being quite ill. The dues are well paid up. The hall is commodious, but lacks the comforts of a furnished one, the brethren are in hope shortly of having it furnished. The Secretary's books were in a satisfactory state. The prospects are good.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill: On the 1st May, 1890, accompanied by R.W. Bro. J. Fisher, V. W. Bro. McCarter, G.P., W. Bro. B. Allen, W. Bro. R. W. Hull, Bro. Reeves, Bro. Howson, Bro. Heal, Bro. W. J. Hill and others, I visited this lodge. On our arrival we found that there was no quorum present so that the lodge was not opened. Four members only were present, namely, W. Bro. Steel, R. W. Bro. Fisher. Bro. Cherry, and Bro. Tyler. W. Bro. Steel, Secretary, had the minute book, and I examined the same; I found the Secretary's work to be neatly done. An examination of the minute book showed that this occasion was the first for some years past in which a meeting of the lodge had not been held for want of a quorum. Knowing that notice had been sent to every member, announcing the visit of the D.D.G.M., I could come to no other conclusion than that the brethren of the lodge intentionally refrained from attending when I was present. I feel that they were prompted to such action by the part I had taken in the investigation of the complaint made by Ashlar Lodge against Bro. J. E. Knox, their W.M. I had a most enjoyable time with the brethren who went out with me, as well as the members of Patterson Lodge above named,

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora: I visited this lodge on the 2nd May, 1890, when I had the pleasure of the company of W. Bro. Allen. The attendance was fair, it being the night of the election of officers for the ensuing year. The third degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. Robinson. I was very much pleased with the work of both himself and his officers. The Secretary's books were neatly kept. I had to point out that he omitted to enter the names of the members and visitors in the minute book, relying upon the register for those who were present. I advised that for the future the names be entered in the minute book. This lodge has for some reason not been as prosperous as it should have been, no meetings having been held since December last. Hopes are indulged that a revival of Masonic interest will arise under the new officers, although W. Bro. Robinson was in no way to blame for the indifference of the brethren. He has been Master for three years. The prospects are fair.

St. John Lodge, No. 75: Accompanied by W. Bro. Allen, I visited this lodge on the 5th May, 1890. The W.M., Bro. W. E. Smith, conferred the second degree. The work was exceedingly well done by the W.M. and his officers. The minutes were neatly kept. Steps are being taken to get in a large amount of outstanding dues. The prospects of this lodge are very good.

Orient Lodge, No. 339: I visited this lodge on the 6th May, 1890, in company with W. Bro. Allen. The first degree was conferred by W.

Bro. Sanderson, in a very creditable manner; the work of the other officers was good. The J.W. was not present, and had not attended a meeting since his election, as he had expressed his intention of resigning. The W.M. intended to have a new election. I think that in the interests of the lodge, if this has not been done, it should be done without delay. The Secretary's books I found to be in good order and neatly kept. The dues were well paid up. There was a large attendance both of members and visitors. The prospects of this lodge are very good.

Richardson Lodge, No. 136, Stouffville; I visited this lodge on the 28th May, 1890. The election of officers took place for the ensuing year. W. Bro. MacDonald was re-elected. The third degree was conferred. The W.M. had his work well up. The other officers were not as well posted as they should have been. The S.W. was absent from illness. The attendance was small, only nine being present. The Secretary's books were not as neatly kept as they should have been. The present officers have confidence in eventually getting the lodge back to its former prosperous condition, and from the material recently brought in, and those seeking admission, they hope to have the lodge out of debt shortly. The prospects are brighter than for many years past.

River Park Lodge, No. 356, Streetsville: On the 3rd June, 1890, accompanied by W. Bro. W. R. Smallpiece, P.M. St John's, No. 75, I visited this lodge. The chair was occupied by the V.W. Bro. Findlay. The S.W., having removed to Hamilton, was not present. The attendance was very small, owing no doubt, to a severe storm which came on about lodge time, and also to several other attractions. The W.M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a very able manner. The Secretary's books were neatly kept. The prospects of the lodge are brighter than for some years past.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Sutton: On the 24th June, 1890, I visited this lodge for the purpose of installing the newly elected officers by request of W. Bro. Bentley. The lodge was opened late in the evening, owing to the extreme heat of the day. I had pleasure in installing Bro. Howard as W.M. for the ensuing year, and investing the other officers. The lodge is to be congratulated upon the officers elected and appointed to the various offices, and I think that the year will be a successful one under their management. I impressed upon the new officers the importance of having Lodges of Instruction so as to perfect themselves in the correct rendering of the ritual. I think my suggestion will be adopted. I found that the Secretary was in the habit of omitting to enter the names of the members and visitors in the minute book. I drew his attention to the necessity of not relying upon the register, but to enter the names in the minute book. The Treasurer reports the lodge in a good financial condition, the dues being but little in arrear. The prospects are encouraging. I desire to thank the W.M. and officers of the lodge for the kind manner in which they treated me on the occasion of my visit, they having got up an excursion on Lake Simcoe. I had a most enjoyable time.

In conclusion I wish to render my thanks to the M.W., the G.M. and the G. Secretary, for the advice and assistance which they have given me throughout the year, and I cannot close without expressing my warmest thanks to W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, District Secretary, for the assistance which he has rendered me throughout the year, and also for the faithful discharge of his duties in accompanying me on so many of my official visits. I owe a large portion of the success which has attended my efforts during the year, to his advice and assistance.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM ROAF, D.D.G.M.

Toronto, June 30th, 1890.

Toronto District No. 11.





## ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 12.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario:*

**MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:**

Herewith I submit for your consideration the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Twelfth Masonic District denominated the Ontario District.

The District is composed of twenty-two lodges, all of which I have officially visited and have found them in working order.

In reference to your circular of Feb. 6th, asking for a special report as to weak or inert lodges in the District, I am happy to inform you that this year we have none answering that description and that all the lodges are working and have conferred degrees.

It likewise affords me great pleasure to testify to the continued prosperity of the craft and to the good will and harmony which exists throughout the district; have had no complaints or knotty problems to solve, and my term of office has been one of great pleasure to myself and I trust of some profit to the brethren.

## OFFICIAL VISITS.

Ontario Lodge No. 26, and Hope Lodge No. 114, Port Hope: Visited Ontario Lodge Feb. 20th, 1890, and the joint lodges at the dedications of their new lodge rooms, April 15th, 1890. On my visit to Ontario Lodge there was a very good attendance, a candidate being in waiting; he was duly initiated into Masonry. The work was exceedingly well done not only by the W.M., but by all the officers. An examination of the books, which were well kept, showed the lodge to be in a good financial position, but I am sorry to say the dues were not well collected. Before leaving the lodge I drew their attention to this fact and was informed that a committee had been appointed which would give this matter their immediate attention. These two lodges have lately moved into new quarters which they have fitted up in a very handsome manner; the energy and zeal which they have displayed in this matter reflects a great deal of credit on the Port Hope Brethren. The dedication was conducted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, assisted by a number of distinguished brethren from the neighboring districts. The future prosperity of these lodges is of the very best.

Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby: Visited this lodge Sept. 5th, 1889. This was my first official visit, and considering the time of year and the hot weather there was a very good attendance. The second degree was conferred on a candidate in a very able manner not only by the W.M. but by the officers. By the annexed statement you will see that this lodge had initiated ten candidates into Masonry, and have worked twenty-seven degrees in the last twelve months. I again visited the lodge on Dec. 27th and installed the officers; there was a very large attendance. The Secretary's books are well kept and the dues well collected. Future prospects of the lodge are excellent.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville: Visited this lodge April 30th, 1890. The attendance was very good. The W.M., assisted by his officers, conferred the second and third degrees on candidates in a very creditable manner. The Secretary, who is a very efficient officer, keeps his books in a neat and orderly manner, and keeps the dues well collected. Prospects of the lodge good.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklyn. For a number of years this lodge has been in a very unsatisfactory condition, owing largely to the failure of business in the locality and the members moving away, but

a short time ago the remaining brethren decided to put their shoulders to the wheel and see if they could raise it from the comatose state into which it had fallen, and I am happy to say they have been fairly successful in their endeavours, having admitted three members by initiation and one by affiliation since the first of the year. I visited them Feb. 4th, 1890, and installed their officers. There was one initiation that evening but as it took place before the installation am not able to report on the present officer's work, but from information received, understand that they have had numerous meetings of instruction to perfect them in their several positions: consider the prospects of the lodge for permanent improvement fair.

Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle: Visited this lodge Dec. 3rd, 1889. There was a very large attendance including visitors from Port Hope, Bowmanville and Orono. The third degree was conferred on a candidate by the W.M., assisted by some of the visiting brethren, the work being very well done. The prospects of the lodge are not as good as some of the other lodges in the district, owing to the limited space from which they have to draw material, still, from the very enthusiastic Masons who are members of the lodge, there is no danger of it deteriorating any from its present standing. The Secretary's books are neatly kept, and the dues moderately well collected.

Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay: Visited this lodge May 2nd, 1890. There was quite a large attendance. The second and third degrees were conferred on candidates in a fairly efficient manner by the W.M. and his officers. The lodge books are without exception the best kept in the district, and this is the only lodge that has no members twelve months in arrears. The lodge being well situated has splendid prospects of prosperity.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, and Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, Peterborough: Visited these lodges at the joint meeting on April 2nd, 1890. There was a very large meeting. The second degree was conferred on a candidate in a very efficient manner. An examination of the books of both lodges showed them to be well kept and the dues well collected. Masonry in Peterborough is in a very flourishing condition. A few years ago the brethren moved into new quarters which they have fitted up in a handsome manner, incurring a heavy debt thereby, but through their energy and thrift they have been enabled this year to clear off all the debt and stand at the present moment, not very flush of money, yet clear with the world. Their future prospects are excellent.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa, and Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa: Visited these lodges respectively on June 10th and May 27th, 1890. In each lodge the first degree was conferred on candidates in a very able manner by the W.M. and his officers. There was a good attendance at each meeting. These lodges have this spring moved into more commodious quarters which they have handsomely fitted up, and this fact has awakened such a lively interest in Masonry that Lebanon Lodge has initiated twelve candidates and Cedar Lodge ten candidates into Masonry during the past year. The feeling existing between the two lodges is of the very best, and they freely visit one with the other. The dues are well collected in Cedar but not so well in Lebanon. Both lodges have very efficient Secretaries. Prospects of Masonry in Oshawa are good.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook: Visited this lodge on June 20th. Attendance fair. The third degree was conferred on a candidate in a very able manner by the Master R. W. Bro. Dr. Turner and his officers. The Secretary's books are well kept, but the dues are not as well collected as they should be. Having considerable territory

from which to draw material, this lodge should have a prosperous future.

Prince Albert Lodge, No. 183, Port Perry : Visited this lodge May 30th. Attendance not very large. The second degree was conferred on a candidate in a very fair manner by the W.M., but the work of the other officers could be improved on except the S.W.'s lecture which was very well rendered. The prospects of the lodge I consider are improving, they having got rid of some delinquent and undesirous brethren by suspension. The affairs of the lodge are also assuming a better condition. The Secretary's books are well kept, but the dues not well collected.

Norwood Lodge, No. 223, Norwood : Visited this lodge April 1st. Attendance medium. The candidate expected at this meeting was absent, so there was no work presented. An examination of the books showed them to be fairly well kept, but the dues to be largely in arrears ; on drawing their attention to this fact they promised to have this matter attended to at once. The lodge is composed chiefly of members who live outside of the town and the average attendance is not as large as it should be. Consider if the brethren would place their affairs on a proper financial basis they would make this a prosperous lodge.

Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon : Visited this lodge Feb. 27th 1890, and installed their officers. The second degree was conferred on a candidate in a fairly good manner. The Secretary's books were neatly kept, but the dues were not well collected. On drawing their attention to this fact a promise was given that the advice would be acted upon. Their prospects are not as bright as other lodges in the district, but, from the quality of members they have, there is no danger of the lodge becoming dormant.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield : Visited this lodge April 4th. Taking into consideration the membership, there was a very fair attendance. There being no work the lodge was opened and closed, in a fairly creditable manner, in the three degrees. An examination of the books shows the Secretary to be a very efficient officer. Not only were the books neatly kept, but the dues were well collected. Future prospects fair.

Orono Lodge, No. 325, Orono : Visited this lodge January 2nd, 1890, and installed the officers. There was a very large attendance. Have never visited a lodge where I found so much unanimity among the brethren as in this. The Secretary's books are well kept, and the dues well collected. Prospects good.

Keene Lodge, No. 374, Keene : Visited this lodge April 3rd, 1890. A candidate for the second degree expected but, owing to bad weather, did not come forward. The Secretary's books are well kept, and the dues well collected. Owing to its situation don't think that Keene Lodge can ever expect to be a very large one, but from the enthusiastic Craftsmen who are members of it, there is no danger of its deteriorating any.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee : Visited this lodge May 1st, 1890. There was a fair attendance. The second degree was conferred on a candidate in an efficient manner by the W.M. and his officers. The Secretary's books were in good condition, and the dues well collected. Prospects of lodge fair.

Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Victoria Road : Visited this lodge March 19th, 1890. There was no meeting. About two weeks previous to this date I mailed the Secretary a notice of my official visit, but on my arrival found that it had not been received. I found the W.M. and

Treasurer without any trouble, and inspected the books, which I found very well kept, but the dues not well collected. The lodge is in a good financial position, having considerable money on hand, and their lodge-room well fitted up. Their work for the year has been 4 initiations, 5 passings, and 5 raisings. Prospects fair.

The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls: Visited this lodge Feb. 26th, 1890. There was a fair attendance present. The W.M., assisted by his officers, initiated a candidate into Masonry. The work was done in a very poor manner, with the exception of the J.W.'s lecture. I strongly advised the W.M. before conferring any more degrees that he should hold meetings of instruction, with the object of making himself and officers more familiar with the work. The Secretary's books were neatly kept, but the dues not well collected. Prospects of the lodge fair.

Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton: Visited this lodge March 20th, 1890. Attendance fair. This lodge has lately moved into more commodious quarters, and have fitted the hall up in a very neat manner. The Secretary's books are well kept and the dues fairly well collected. The lodge has had quite a prosperous year; they have initiated 10 candidates into Masonry, and have worked twenty-seven degrees. The future prospects are excellent.

During my term of office two things have come under my notice which I think if remedied would be of material advantage to the Craft.

First, the tardy collection of dues by the private lodges, and, secondly, the expenses of the D.D.G.M.

By the non-collection of dues we lose more members than in any other way, and I cannot help but think that if Grand Lodge would in some way take this matter in hand and make it more imperative for the private lodges to collect their dues more promptly, it would be of great advantage to the craft, and to a certain extent lessen the danger of lodges becoming weak or inert.

As to the D.D.G.M.'s expenses: I heartily endorse the sentiments expressed by R.W. Bro. Smeaton, in his report last year, but would go farther and suggest that Grand Lodge pay the expenses (and, if necessary, assess each lodge therefor), after the D.D.G.M. had presented a certified report of the number of lodges visited, miles travelled, etc.

It would certainly give more weight to his visit, and would not subject him to overhear remarks as to the monetary object of his coming, and would place him more clearly in his position. Of course the matter of expenses is of very little moment to some of the brethren, but there are others that to give their time is about as much as they can afford. I also think that if the D.D.G.M. would choose his own time for visiting the lodges instead of making engagements it would be of more benefit to the Craft, and he would certainly be enabled to form a better estimate of the actual working of his district.

I granted dispensations to the following lodges to attend divine worship, viz.: Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay, and Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Victoria Road.

#### DEATHS.

The following deaths have been reported to me:

R. W. Bro. John Milne, P.D.D.G.M., Bowmanville; Bro. Geo. Piggott, Bowmanville; Bro. Wm. R. Piggott, Bowmanville; Bro. Robt. Armour, Bowmanville; Bro. John McDougall, Bowmanville, all members of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31. Bros. David Mallach and W. B. Wallace, Port Hope, and Bros. W. B. Read and Brothars, of Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon.

In conclusion I wish to express my gratitude to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary for the prompt manner in which they have answered my communications, and to the brethren of the district for the kind and courteous manner in which I have always been received by them.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. R. HOWSE, D.D.G.M.;

Ontario District, No. 12.

Whitby, June 30th, 1890.

#### PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 13.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honour to present the following report on the condition of Masonry in the thirteenth Masonic district, during my term of office as District Deputy Grand Master for 1889 and 1890 :—

My first official act was to appoint Bro. R. J. Craig District Secretary, and can assure you I found my Secretary a very able assistant. He has most materially assisted me in my work by the zealous and energetic manner he has performed his duties, and he has my most sincere thanks and well wishes.

I have officially visited each of the twenty-two lodges in this district once—one of these lodges I have visited twice, making a total of twenty-three visits. Had so arranged my visits that an emergent meeting has been called but twice for the purpose of receiving me. In all the lodges there was work except in four. I have always asked for an exhibition of what could be done by the Worshipful Masters and their officers and have no hesitation in stating the working of the degrees is as well exemplified in Prince Edward District, No. 13, as any other district in the jurisdiction.

Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton : Visited September 3rd, 1889. This was the first lodge officially visited by me. A candidate for raising being present, I had the opportunity of seeing the work performed by W. Bro. J. Devich, P.M. of Trent Lodge, which was well done. The W.M. Bro. Geo. Collins can work all the degrees well. The Wardens' work is very good. The Secretary's books are well kept and in good condition. The work of the Deacons fair. On St. John's night, Dec. 27th, I again visited Trent for the purpose of installing the officers of the several lodges, accompanied by W. Bro. Geo. Wilson, of Colborne Lodge, No. 91, who assisted me in the installation of Trent Lodge. Consecon Lodge, No. 50, Consecon; Colborne Lodge, No. 91, Colborne; United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton; Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford. The W.M's. installed were Geo. Collins, Trenton; J. W. Young, Consecon; Warrington Scott, Frankford; James Cochrane, Colborne, and J. D. Wannamaker, of Brighton, and the Wardens and other officers belonging to their respective lodges. A very pleasant and profitable evening was spent. I was well pleased with the appearance of the W. Masters installed, and from what I know of them I feel sure that Masonry will not suffer in their hands. Degrees conferred during last 12 months, 21; number of members living outside town, 17; regular meetings, 13; emergent, 2. Hall is leased; dues per year, \$3.00; furniture insured for \$400.00; cash on hand, \$66.03. Prospects of lodge very good. An elegant supper followed with speeches, songs, etc., made it very agreeable.

Craig Lodge, No. 401, Deseronto: Was visited Oct. 1st, 1889. A candidate for raising being present, I had the opportunity of seeing the degree worked, which was fairly done. The Secretary, Bro. D. McRae, had his books in fine condition. Number of members on roll, 33; degrees conferred during the last twelve months, 6; number of affiliations, 1; rejected, 2; regular meetings, 12; emergent meetings, 2; members living outside of town, 4. The hall is leased, and is very suitable. The funds are deposited in Bank. George A. Brown was elected W.M. in December, 1889, and will make one of the best W. Masters in the district. The lodge is in a prosperous condition, and has good prospects.

Belleville Lodge, No. 123: Visited October 3rd, 1889, accompanied by R.W. Bro. J. B. Trayes, of Port Hope. A candidate for initiation was present. The second degree was also conferred by the W.M., Bro. Adams, in a highly satisfactory manner. I look upon W. Bro. Adams as one of the best workers in Prince Edward District. The members of the Craft in Belleville take a deep interest in Masonry. The work on this occasion was done by the regular officers of the lodge, to my entire satisfaction. There was a large attendance (75 members). The Secretary's (Bro. Henry Pringle), books are well and neatly kept, he being a practicable and efficient officer. At this meeting the lodge was favored with a visit from R.W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, P.D.D.G.M. No less than five Past D.D.G.M's were present. The prospects of Belleville Lodge are very bright. Number of members on roll, 112; degrees conferred during last twelve months, 11; members living outside the city, 20; dues per year, \$2.75; furniture insured to full value; cash on hand, \$210.00, and deposited in Bank. The hall is partly owned by the lodge. A grand banquet tendered to the D.D.G.M. and visitors, at which excellent speeches were delivered, and a few hours very pleasantly spent among the brethren.

Grafton Lodge, No. 308: Was visited by me Oct. 8th, 1889, accompanied by Bros. R. J. Craig, G. R. Hargraft, A. R. Hargraft, George Curry, and William Rankin. The attendance was very small (six members), but the Cobourg brethren, as named above, being present, we proceeded to work, as a candidate for the third degree was present. The W.M., Bro. Boyce, worked the degree fairly well. The Junior Deacon was the only officer in place, (except the W.M.) The W.M. opens and closes in all the degrees very well. I could see that the future prospects of Grafton Lodge, No. 308, were very poor, and advised the brethren to return the charter, which they have done. Number of members on roll, 17; number of suspensions N.P.D., 2; regular meetings, 8. After returning the charter, the lodge premises were destroyed by fire. No connection in the two events however.

Stirling Lodge, No. 69: I visited the above lodge on Thursday, October 10, 1889, and was pleased to find there was work in the three degrees. I found the lodge in a most healthy condition, every officer from the W.M., W. Bro. John Shaw, down, has his work perfect. Number of members on roll, 104. The Secretary, Bro. Boardman, deserves great credit for the neatness and correctness with which his books are kept. Restorations, 2; suspensions for N. P. D., 5; rejected applications, 1; regular meetings, 12; emergent, 1; number of members living outside of the village, 84. The hall is owned by the lodge, and is valued at \$1,800. Dues per year, \$5. The furniture is insured for \$1,000. The funds are deposited in the bank in the name of the Treasurer. The prospects of the lodge are excellent. After the meeting was over a very pleasant time was spent in refreshments.

Colborne Lodge, No. 91: Was visited November 1st, 1889. Work in the first degree. W. Bro. Wilson, of Colborne Lodge, is a fine

worker and can exemplify all the degrees thoroughly. The work of Wardens is very good. The Secretary, Bro. George Keyes, has been Secretary for twenty-one years, and has never missed one meeting during that time. His books are exceedingly well kept. Total number of members, 59; increase during the year, 6; degrees conferred, 15; restorations, 5; suspensions, N. P. D., 2; regular meetings, 13; emergent, 1; average attendance of members, 24; amount paid for relief, \$11. Prospects of lodge very good. State of lodge financially, very satisfactory.

Mystic Lodge, No. 278, Roslin: Was visited on December 5th, 1889. The third degree was exemplified, W. Bro. James A. McMullen in the East, and I need only say the work was done very correctly, in fact as correctly as it can be done. Some W.M.'s. would perhaps give the lectures on the degrees a little more impressively, but none more accurately. W. Bro. Charles Hudson, is the Secretary. His books I found to be well and correctly kept. I was accompanied to Mystic Lodge by W. Bro. Easterbrooke of Tweed Lodge, No. 239. After the work was done a supper was given which was very enjoyable. Degrees conferred during the last twelve months, 8; number of members in arrears over twelve months, 4. Furniture insured for \$300. Cash received is promptly handed over to the Treasurer. The prospects of the lodge are good. I would have liked to have seen the work of the J.W. and the Deacons done better. This was a weak part of the work and could be much improved on.

Tweed Lodge, No. 239, Tweed: Was visited December 6th, 1889; work in the first, second, and third degrees. The W.M., W. Bro. Easterbrooke, is one of the best workers in Prince Edward District. Every officer had his work perfect. The Secretary's books are well kept. Number of members on roll, 36; degrees conferred during the last twelve months, 8; suspended for N.P.D., 1; regular meetings, 12; number of members outside of the town, 21. The hall is leased, and is a very suitable one. The prospects of Tweed Lodge, No. 239, are very good, and this is greatly due to the able manner in which everything connected with its affairs is managed.

Quinte Lodge, No. 241, Shannonville: I visited this lodge January 7th, 1890, for the purpose of installing the officers of Quinte Lodge, after which a candidate was raised to the M.M. degree. The W.M., Bro. George Greatrix, had his work perfectly. The officers of this lodge cannot be beaten anywhere. The books of the Secretary, Bro. W. B. Lake, are well kept. The hall is leased. The furniture is insured for \$400. Prospects of the lodge are bright. Number of members in arrears over twelve months, 3; number of members on roll, 20; suspended for N.P.D., 2; rejected application, 1.

United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton: Visited March 7th, 1890. No work. The W.M. can work all the degrees, and the officers work well. The Secretary's books are well kept. The prospects of the lodge are good. Number of members on roll, 32; members living outside the town, 11. The hall is leased. Furniture is insured for \$400. Cash received is promptly handed over to Treasurer. The prospects of the lodge are fair. After the meeting was over a very pleasant time was spent in refreshments.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126: I visited this lodge March 12th. The W.M. rules the lodge well. Number of members on roll, 31. Not having any work on hand I caused them to open and close in the three degrees, which was very well done. Number of members in arrears over twelve months, 14. The Secretary's books are well kept. The hall is leased, and very well furnished. Cash received by Secretary is promptly handed over to Treasurer, and deposited in bank in Treasurer's name.

Prospects of lodge fair. At the close of the meeting I gave an explanation of all the degrees.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18: I visited this lodge at their regular meeting in April, 1890. The W.M., James H. Colding, opened and closed in the three degrees, and exemplified the work of the first. The officers of this lodge work wonderfully well. I found the books of the Secretary, H. Welbank, to be well and correctly kept, he being a particularly efficient officer. Number of members on roll, 141; increase during the year, 9; degrees conferred during the same, 14; meetings held, 16; average attendance of members, 40; amount paid for relief, \$70.00; prospects of lodge good. Insurance on hall and furniture, \$2,500. Prince Edward lodge-room is the finest in the district.

Marmora Lodge, No. 222, Marmora: I visited this lodge April 9th, 1890. No work on hand. The W.M., Bro. J. L. Aungar, exemplified the three degrees very much to my satisfaction, and his officers work very well. I can say their work is perfect in every particular, and will stand the scrutiny of searching criticism. The books of both Secretary and Treasurer are kept in a business-like manner. The hall is owned by the lodge, and is valued at \$1,500. It is insured. The funds are deposited in the Bank; the prospects of this lodge are good; number of degrees conferred during the last twelve months, 8; rejected applications, 3; number of members on the roll, 52, 36 of whom reside outside the town.

Lake Lodge, No. 215: I visited the lodge April 14th, 1890, accompanied by a number of members from Belleville. There was a splendid attendance. The W.M., Bro. H. G. Stafford, occupied the chair, opened and closed in the three degrees, and worked the Master Mason's degree in an excellent manner. The assistant officers are well up in all their duties, and as a whole, the officers of this lodge are quite competent to render the ceremonies attractive as well as instructive. Number of members on roll, 33; number at visit, 33; suspensions N.P.D., 3; regular meetings, 12; emergent meetings, 2; members living outside village, 26; hall very suitable; prospects of lodge, good. The ancient charges and regulations for private lodges have been read in lodge during year. Their hall is small but comfortable and neatly furnished.

Consecon Lodge, No. 50: Visited this lodge at their regular meeting in April. The work on hand was conferring the Master Mason's degree. The W.M. can open and close in all the degrees, and is well skilled. The other officers are well up in the work. The Secretary's books are well and neatly kept, and the future prospects of this lodge are very good. After the meeting was over, a very pleasant time was spent in refreshments.

St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg: This I visited frequently, being my mother lodge, but paid an official visit on the 28th of April, 1890, when one candidate was initiated. The work was very well performed by the W.M., W. Bro. George Hargraft; the work of the other officers was excellent. The books of the Secretary, Bro. R. J. Craig, are kept in perfect order. Number of members on roll, 51. Work done during the year:—One initiated, restorations, 2; regular meetings, 12; emergents, 4; members living outside the town, 25; deaths, four, viz., Bros. W. J. Porter, George M. Stephens, William Braithwaite, and J. J. Soden. The hall is leased and the furniture insured. The prospects of the lodge are very good, but owing to exceptional circumstances little progress has been made during the past year.

Percy Lodge, No. 161, Warkworth, Ont.: Visited on the 30th of April, 1890. The lodge has 55 members and an average attendance of 31. The W.M. exemplified the work in all the three degrees. His work and that of the Warden's were good. At this visit there was one

initiated, four passed, and one raised. I was much pleased to meet on this occasion that enthusiastic Mason R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, of Toronto. I also had the pleasure of hearing W. Bro. D. Ewing, of Warkworth, work the second degree, and I came to the conclusion that he is one of the brightest workers in the district. Degrees conferred during the last twelve months, 14 ; suspended for n. p. d., 4 ; rejected applications, 1 ; regular meeting, 13 ; number of members living outside the village, 33. The hall is leased. The dues are placed at one dollar per year. The hall is a comfortable one and the prospects of the lodge are good. In the matter of dues I cordially recommend the example of Percy Lodge. A low rate of dues to my mind is a complete solution of the troublesome n. p. d. question, and would prevent numerous suspensions. At the close of the lodge the brethren had a sociable supper on the premises and spent a very pleasant time.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington : An emergent meeting was called for the purpose of receiving the D.D.G.M. on May 21st, 1889. No work to be done. The lodge has a membership of 48, The W.M., F. A. Burlingham, opened and closed in all the degrees, and is a very fair worker. The work of the Wardens is above the average. The Secretary, W. Bro. S. W. Flagler, has his books in fine condition. The hall is owned by the lodge and is valued at \$1,500. The building and furniture are insured, and the hall is first-class. The prospects of the lodge are good. At the close of the meeting a very nice supper was prepared in the dining room attached to the lodge. An inventory of the furniture is kept outside the lodge.

Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford : An emergent meeting called for the purpose. I visited this lodge, May 22nd, 1889. The attendance was fair. The W.M. opened and closed in the three degrees, and explained the first. The work of the officers is uniformly good. The books are kept in a creditable manner. The hall is very suitable ; number of members on roll, 53. The hall being leased the furniture is insured for \$400. No work done for the last twelve months. Although this is not very flattering, I could see no reason why the lodge should not prosper in the future.

Moir Lodge, Belleville : I visited this lodge May 28th, 1890. The attendance was very large, there being 100 members present. Number of members on roll, 142. I had the pleasure of hearing the W.M., W. Bro. Lattimer, exemplify the first and second degrees. He is a fine worker and a credit to Moira Lodge. The work of the Wardens and Deacons is perfect in every particular. The Secretary, Bro. Charles W. Stringer, has his books in good condition. Degrees conferred during the last twelve months, 20 ; suspensions N.P.D., 18 ; rejected applications, 2 ; regular meetings, 12 ; emergent, 3 ; members outside of town, 22. The Masonic Hall is owned jointly, and valued at \$12,000. The furniture is insured for \$2,000 ; an inventory of the furniture is kept outside the lodge. Cash on hand, \$750. The funds are deposited in the bank in Trustee's name. Prospects of lodge very good. The ancient charges and regulations for private lodges have been read in open lodge, which is unusual in this district, and the days and hours of regular meetings are specified in the by-laws. I was very much pleased to meet at this meeting R.W. Bro. Hamilton, P.D.D.G.M., of Eureka Lodge. A banquet took place at the close of the business, and was an imposing affair.

Madoc Lodge, No. 48, Madoc : I visited this lodge June 3rd, 1890. This lodge has 88 members on the register. The W.M., John M. Blair, does his work in a highly creditable manner. There were two initiations. The W.M. can do the entire work ; he gave me selected por-

tions of the second and third degrees. The Wardens and Deacons work very well indeed. I was agreeably surprised with the whole working of this lodge. The Secretary's books would be all right if the formula were followed. Degrees conferred during the last twelve months, 14; passings, 9; raisings, 13. The hall is owned by the lodge, and valued at \$2,500. The furniture is insured for \$600, and the building for \$1,400. The surplus funds of the lodge are deposited in the bank. At the close a grand supper was in waiting at the hotel, to which ample justice was done, speeches, songs, etc., being indulged in freely, and much to the satisfaction of all present.

Eureka Lodge, No. 283, Belleville: On the 4th of June I made my official visit to this lodge; about 25 members were present, also a fair representation of the other city lodges. The first degree was conferred by the W.M., W. Bro. Henry McIninch, in a very creditable manner. The Wardens and other officers performed their work exceedingly well. The J.W. gave his lecture on the tracing board better than I had ever heard it previously. The Secretary, Bro. Jeffers Diamond, was able to show me a most complete set of books. The lodge is growing rapidly and getting in good material. Number of members on roll, 43; members living outside the city, 5. The hall is owned jointly and is insured. It is very suitable. A grand banquet was tendered me. Too much praise cannot be given the W.M. and officers of this lodge for their care in getting up the work so thoroughly.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted the following dispensations: To Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18; Colborne Lodge, No. 91, for the purpose of attending Divine service clothed as Masons, on the 22nd day of June, 1890; Stirling Lodge, No. 69, to appear in Masonic regalia at a demonstration to be held at Stirling, June 24th.

#### LECTURES.

We are greatly indebted to the R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson for the very able and instructive lectures which he gave in Prince Edward District. His visits will be remembered with pleasure by the brethren of the district.

In conclusion I have to express my most cordial thanks to the officers and members throughout Prince Edward District for the uniform kindness, courtesy, and fraternal feeling extended to me whenever I have visited the lodges or individual brethren, either officially or otherwise, during my term of office, and I can assure them that the many pleasant and instructive hours spent with the brethren of Prince Edward District will be treasured up in my remembrance, and I will always look back with pleasure to the year in which I held the office of District Deputy Grand Master of Prince Edward District. I now lay aside the gavel, having arrived at the conclusion that one year's occupation of the office is enough for any officer, for, with the present facilities for acquiring the work, the difficulties of the D.D.G.M. are not nearly so numerous as in the past, and I trust whoever my successor shall be that the same kind consideration will be extended to him that I received at their hands.

I also desire to return my sincere thanks to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and R. W. Bro. Wm. Smeaton, P.D.D.G.M. of Prince Edward District, for valuable advice and information received from each of them. Their aid and counsel has been invaluable.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

P. J. LIGHTBURNE, D.D.G.M.

Cobourg, July 1st, 1890.

Prince Edward District No. 13.

## FRONTENAC DISTRICT, No. 14.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

**MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—**

On presenting this my second annual report of the condition of Masonry in the fourteenth district ; I have much pleasure in stating that the majority of the lodges are working very satisfactorily. It would be better to withdraw the warrants of the ones that are not, or suspend them, as my report will show, rather than allow our order to be disgraced and our beautiful ceremony abused by incompetent brethren. I would strongly recommend the Grand Lodge to make it a Masonic offence for a brother to accept the office of Worshipful Master who cannot open and close a lodge in the several degrees in a proper manner, and be familiar with the work.

This year there has been an extra amount of work connected with my office. Frontenac, No. 363, Cataraqui, which has for the past few years been working very unsatisfactorily, surrendered their charter together with funds, books, regalias, etc. The warrant and funds I forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and I still hold the books and regalia, etc., awaiting the action of the Grand Lodge. I would suggest that the funds be divided amongst the brethren who were in good standing at the time they surrendered their charter so as to enable them to affiliate with other lodges.

Filius Viduae, No. 189, Adolphustown, has been dormant for about six years ; their charter being held by their landlord for rent. I wrote several times trying to secure same, but without avail. With the kind assistance of brother Aylsworth, of Maple Lodge, No. 119, Bath, I managed to get it and expressed it to the Grand Secretary. Sometime ago I received a circular from the Grand Lodge asking me to make a special report of the lodges in my district, which appear to have become weak or inert, to the end that the warrants of such of them as are not working profitably may be recalled. In my opinion it is a move in the right direction. If prominent members of the Grand Lodge had occasion to visit the lodges in the rural district their ardor and zeal for Masonry would be lessened. Now that Grand Lodge has commenced to move I hope it will not cease until all the lodges are a credit not only to themselves and the Grand Body which they work under, but to the world at large. This district now contains fifteen lodges. I have officially visited all once and some of them three and four times. The lodges in this district, which appear to have become weak or inert are : Albion, No. 109 ; Maple Leaf, No. 119 ; Prince of Wales, No. 146 ; Prince Arthur, No. 228 ; Victoria, No. 299 ; St. John's, No. 340 ; and Hiram, No. 342.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith, should be in a better position, but owing to the members neglecting to attend they only held eight meetings during the year, showing a great lack of interest. They have always been a fairly worked lodge, but at present are very inert.

Maple Leaf, No. 119, Bath, is very weak, having only twenty-four members, and fully one-third living outside its jurisdiction. The work done by them during the last five years is comparatively nothing.

Prince of Wales, No. 146, Newburgh, was a very prosperous lodge a number of years ago, and a great many prominent Masons in that sec-

tion received their first Masonic light in said lodge, but other lodges established in adjacent villages drew largely from their resources. Lastly, about three years ago they lost all their furniture, warrants, jewels, as well as valuable books and records, by fire, and since then have never recovered.

Prince Arthur, No. 228, Odessa : This lodge has for the past five years been gradually going down, and the members disagreeing among themselves, even quarrels of a political nature have crept in. Their officers are not qualified to fill their respective positions.

Victoria, No. 299, Centreville : This lodge when instituted was very prosperous, but for the last five or six years they have been very inert. The hall in which they meet, together with the furniture, is owned by the Orange Society, and the Worshipful Master and officers are not up to the standard in their work.

St. John's, No. 340, Pittsburg : This lodge has never been any credit to Masonry, and I would strongly recommend that their warrant be at once withdrawn. This year, as well as last, the Worshipful Master absented himself on my official visit. The Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, instructed me to write their Secretary to forward me their books, and from the minutes of the few meetings held, they have been conducted in a very unmasonic and arbitrary manner. I was also required by the Grand Master to make a special report in regard to a charge made by one brother against another, which report I forwarded to Grand Lodge.

Hiram, No. 342, Wolf Island : This lodge, owing to unfortunate circumstances, has for a number of years past; been financially embarrassed, and the brethren seem to have lost all interest in lodge matters. I notified all the members by letter that I would be present at their regular meeting in May, for the purpose of considering the advisability of their surrendering their warrant or trying in some way to bring their lodge up to the proper standard. There are only 23 members on the roll, of which 17 were present, and they decided to continue, and at the same time to pay up all their arrears of dues and place their lodge in good standing with Grand lodge. Since then they have forwarded me \$56 with the promise that the balance would be forthcoming before the next meeting of Grand Lodge. In regard to the working of the lodge, the Worshipful Master and officers know very little about it, but promised to make themselves acquainted with it at once. From the interest evinced by the brethren present, I look for a good report during the coming year.

I have great pleasure in reporting that Lodges,—the Ancient St. John's, No. 3 ; Union, No. 9 ; Cataraqui, No. 92 ; Simpson, No. 157 ; Leeds, No. 201 ; Elysian, No. 212, Minden, No. 253, and Lorne, No. 404, are working in a satisfactory manner, and all the Worshipful Masters and officers are familiar with their respective duties. Special mention may be made of The Ancient St. John's, No. 3 ; Union, No. 9 ; and Minden, No. 253.

In conclusion, I wish to express my extreme gratification at the very cordial and fraternal manner in which I have been received by the brethren of this district, and also to the Grand Secretary, for information kindly given me.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. J. WILKINSON, D.D.G.M.

Frontenac District, No. 14.

Kingston, 30th June, 1890.

TABLE SHOWING WORK DONE IN FRONTENAC

Number of Lodge.	NAME.	LOCATION.	Membership.	Total number of all members.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Degrees conferred.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, for other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held.
3	The Ancient St. John	Kingston.....	121	121	12	0	15	7	5	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	20
9	Union .....	Napanee .....	89	89	9	0	28	10	9	9	3	1	2	0	0	3	20
92	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	105	105	3	0	21	6	7	8	0	1	1	2	0	1	19
109	Albion .....	Harrowsmith.	51	51	1	0	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	8
119	Maple Leaf.....	Bath.....	24	24	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	13
146	Prince of Wales....	Newburgh....	51	51	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	11
157	Simpson .....	Newboro'.....									In f o r m a t i o n						
201	Leeds ...	Gananoque....	73	73	3	0	17	5	5	7	0	1	2	0	0	1	13
212	Elysian .....	Garden Island	31	31	1	0	12	4	4	4	0	0	1	1	0	1	7
228	Prince Arthur .....	Odessa.....									In f o r m a t i o n						
253	Minden .....	Kingston.....	80	80	6	0	13	5	6	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	18
299	Victoria .....	Centreville....									In f o r m a t i o n						
340	St. John's .....	Pittsburg. ...	21	21	0	0	8	3	3	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	11
342	Hiram.....	Wolfe Island..	21	21	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	10
404	Lorne .....	Tamworth ....	31	31	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	12

## DISTRICT NO. 14. FROM JUNE, 1889, TO JUNE, 1890.

Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	Total number of members over 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Up to what date have G. L. returns been sent in.	State of Lodge financially.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can the W. M. work all the degrees?	Insurance.
13	7	20	30	Nil	0	None	Jun. 24	Very good.....	Ex'ly favorable	Yes.	\$1025 00
13	7	20	20	.....	14	\$125 99	To date	Nearly out debt	Of the v'y best	Yes.	500 00
13	6	19	17	\$ 3 50	23	110 60	To date	Prosperous.....	Good.....	Yes.	1025 00
8	0	8	20	Nil	11	37 75	To date	First rate.....	Good.....	Yes.	None
12	1	13	10	Nil	5	25 75	To date	Poor.....	Fair.....	Yes.	200 00
11	0	11	13	10 00	16	76 00	Dec. '89	Fair.....	Fair.....	Yes.	1600 00 owns b'g
n	o	t	s	e	n	t	i	n	.....	.....	.....
12	1	13	18	22 05	18	156 50	To date	Very poor.....	Fair.....	Yes.	600 00
5	2	7	11	Nil	16	85 00	To date	Fair.....	Fair.....	Yes.	None
n	o	t	s	e	n	t	i	n	.....	.....	.....
13	5	18	20	Nil	15	101 50	To date	Good.....	Very good....	Yes.	150 00
n	o	t	s	e	n	t	i	n	.....	.....	.....
11	0	11	8	Nil	19	.....	To date	Good.....	Poor.....	Yes.	450 00
8	2	10	10	Nil	6	45 00	.....	Fair.....	Fair.....	.....	None
10	2	12	12	Nil	7	35 50	Dec. '89	.....	Good.....	Yes.	150 00

## ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 15.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—

I have the honor to submit for your information, this, my annual report on the condition of Masonry in this district. Having been quite unexpectedly appointed D.D.G.M. I felt it my duty to carry out the instructions of Grand Lodge to the best of my ability, consequently arrangements were made by which I was enabled to visit each of the twenty-two lodges in the jurisdiction. On application the G. Sec'y. was good enough to send me a Masonic map and other information which enabled me, in a measure at least, to understand the very important and responsible duties of the office.

I believe this is the first time in our history the whole of the lodges have been visited in one year, and so far as I could judge, the presence of an officer from the Grand Lodge was much appreciated, and imparted a stimulus to those assemblies which is calculated to result beneficially.

I made regular appointments about ten days in advance, and enclosed a circular of questions for answers to be filled in, by which a comparison of the respective lodges can be made and their standing understood. I shall therefore report on the lodges according to their seniority or numbers, irrespective of the date of my visit.

With the view of stimulating the brethren to deliver lectures on Masonic or other interesting subjects in their lodges when time will permit, I prepared and delivered on each visit, a twenty-minute lecture on the History, Tradition and Moral Teachings of the Craft. The brethren were good enough to receive this lecture with apparent favor, and I trust the great moral truths inculcated will have the effect intended, and prove of some slight benefit at least, to those who were present at its delivery.

Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville : Visited 29th January, and on the following evening I attended their "At Home," at which time I delivered a lecture, others taking part in speech and song, terminating in a fine banquet in their spacious banqueting hall. Total members, 148 ; average attendance, 37 ; cash on hand and invested \$720 ; debts, owing by the lodge, nil ; dues in arrears, \$648 ; insurance, \$600 ; prospects very good. Two brethren were passed at time of my visit, and I have at other times seen all the degrees given. Officers energetic and work well done. Lodge room large and well furnished. Banqueting hall attached. The large amount of dues standing in arrear shows a slackness in regard to collections which should not be tolerated, and if not amended must eventually result in financial difficulty. Books satisfactory, except inventory of effects which are not fully entered and valued, consequently the real assets cannot be ascertained. The insurance is also too small for the amount of property. During the past winter this lodge furnished a room in the Brockville General Hospital which is available at all times for the use of Masons who may be so unfortunate as to require hospital comforts—subject to certain rules established between the Board of Governors and the lodge. This room will prove a lasting monument to the kind forethought of the brethren of Sussex.

True Britons Lodge, No. 14, Perth : Visited 2nd April, 30 present. Resident members, 60 ; non-resident members, 26 ; total members, 86 ; average attendance, 23. Cash on hand or invested, \$190.76 ; lodge furnishings, as per inventory, \$672 ; debts owing by lodge, nil ; amount

dues in arrear (good), \$89; insurance \$375. Prospects bright. Two candidates initiated on night of my visit, regular officers in places, work well executed and everything well conducted. Books carefully and well kept, except there is no permanent book for signatures of members. This the Master and Secretary promised to have remedied. Lodge room suitable and well furnished. Walls covered with large photos of all Past Masters of the lodge. Ancient charts, certificates and various old documents also adorn the room, which make it very complete and interesting. Evidently a lodge of competent and energetic members.

St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls: Visited on 27th December, the semi-centennial of its organization, at which time the Most Worshipful the Grand Master dedicated and consecrated the lodge. A large number of visiting brethren from neighboring lodges was present. By permission of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I installed the officers of this lodge, as also the W.M. of True Britons, Mount Zion and Merrickville respectively. After an interesting address by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, a banquet took place at which a large number of brethren were present. Total number of members, 57; average attendance, 19; cash on hand or invested, \$194.62; amount of debts owing by lodge, \$22.50; amount of dues in arrear, \$75.25; insurance, \$400. Prospects fair. From the character of the officers, the lodge is in good hands. The veteran Secretary of some thirty years, has kept the records in a satisfactory manner. The books, however, are of too slimy a make and too small for permanent records, neither is there a ledger showing each member's account as is customary. The W.M. promised to have all these remedied. A suitable and well furnished room with necessary appliances, indicating prosperity.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville: Visited on 6th November, 16 present. Total number of members, 33; average attendance, 10; cash on hand or invested, \$76.62; amount of debts owing by lodge, \$235; amount of dues in arrear, \$119; insurance, *nil*. Prospects brightening and said to be good. This lodge appears to be in good hands. Initiation, opening and closing performed in a dignified, correct and efficient manner. The presence of R. W. Bro. Robert Leslie, one of the oldest Masons in Canada, and his impressive charge to the candidate, showed how well the ancient land marks are maintained. The books are all well kept, but the ledger has not been balanced for some years. The lodge room is fairly suitable, but the centre of floor, now painted Mosaic pavement, would be improved by a carpet, which would do away with much of the noise and give the room a more comfortable look. I was very favorably impressed with all I saw during my visit to this lodge.

Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville: Visited 1st April. Sixteen present. Total number members, 28; average attendance, 12; cash on hand or invested, none; amount of debts owing by the lodge, none; amount of dues in arrear, \$97.37; insurance, none; prospects, said to be good. Books so far as form, are fairly kept, more care, however, should be taken in making entries; ledger regularly balanced; Treasurer's book not of a substantial make; Tyler's record signed with pencil; Worshipful Master and both Wardens absent, Past Masters acting; opening and closing in the three degrees, indifferently performed. Greater energy on behalf of officers to infuse new life in lodge is necessary, in fact there is an air of indifference about the whole institution. The W.M. is a non-resident, and however worthy he may be, no lodge can prosper if the Master is not on the spot to look after its

interests. Room well furnished and suitable. Furniture ought to be insured.

St. James' Lodge, No. 74, Maitland: Visited 9th December. Eighteen present; total number of members, 37; average attendance, 12; cash on hand or invested, \$50.37; amount of debts owing by lodge, none; amount of dues in arrear, \$53.00; insurance, none; prospects good; minutes indifferently kept; ledger fair; Treasurer's and other books correct. Opening and closing in the three degrees, and a raising, all well and correctly performed. Room suitable and well furnished, should be insured. On the whole I was favorably impressed with all I saw, and have greater hopes of the continued usefulness of old St. James.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens, (Farmersville): Visited on 10th October. Eighteen present; total number of members, 60; average attendance, 20; cash on hand and invested, \$66.50; amount of debts owing by lodge, none; amount of dues in arrear, \$175.00; prospects, not bright; books examined and found satisfactory. The Secretary is evidently one who attends to his duties. The Master opened and closed the lodge passably well, but other officers very indifferent. Improvement in the work much needed. Greater punctuality and energy are actually necessary, at present the whole institution is behind the times. The room is in the apex of the roof of an hotel, and although the house stands very high in the estimation of the public, it is not quite the place in which the Craft should assemble in this age. The ceiling is very low, and in summer must be exceedingly uncomfortable. In so thriving a village a more suitable room should be available. Furniture and appliances suitable, and ought to be insured. The dues are only \$1.50 a year, consequently the amount standing out is quite too large.

Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott: Visited 5th November; 29 present; total number of members, 78; average attendance, 16; cash on hand and invested, \$221.00; amount of debts owing by lodge, nil; amount of dues in arrears, \$251.25; insurance, \$750.00; prospects, good. All the books examined and found to be nicely and well kept. The Secretary is evidently painstaking and efficient. An effort should be made to collect the outstanding dues. Opening and closing in the three degrees by the lodge officers, who require much practice and attention before they can hope to do justice to the work. A raising by Rt. Wor. Bro. Simpson creditably done. Room large and well furnished. Prospects appear to be good.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall: Visited 3rd December; 22 present; total number of members, 48; average attendance, 17; meetings, 13; cash on hand and invested, \$4.95; amount of debts owing by lodge, \$140.00; amount of dues in arrear, \$191.25; insurance, \$900.00; prospects, not flattering. Books well kept. Secretary very painstaking, but names of officers not entered in minutes each meeting; this will be corrected in future. Opening and closing in two degrees. Wardens not in their places. The W.M. aged and somewhat out of health, more energy and attention required. Dr. Gravely, master-elect, promised to make an effort to infuse new life. Room large, well furnished and suitable. A reasonable amount of attention on the part of the officers in so thriving a town ought to place this lodge in the highest rank. An effort should be at once made to collect the outstanding dues.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg: Visited 6th March; 40 present; total number of members, 72; average attendance, 19; cash on hand and invested, \$350.00; amount of debts owing by lodge, nil; amount of dues in arrear, \$53.60; insurance, \$600.00; prospects, bright. The books are in excellent order, except that of the Treasurer, which will be improved. The Auditors' Report for three years up to Decem-

ber 27th, 1889, entailed a large amount of very useful work, and appears to have placed the financial affairs,—which had become somewhat complicated,—on a plain and satisfactory basis. A candidate was initiated in a very creditable manner. I was much pleased to see Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. C. L. Worrell, Past Grand Chaplain, present, also our venerable Rt. Wor. Bro. Daniel Marcellus, now 80 years of age, who had been master of a lodge in Kentucky for seven consecutive years. The presence of such brethren always inspires enthusiasm among the younger members. Room sufficiently large and exceedingly well furnished. On the whole, this may be considered a very satisfactory and prosperous lodge.

Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois : Visited 30th April. Sixteen present ; total number of members, 42 ; average attendance, 15 ; cash on hand, or invested, \$94.34 ; amount of debts owing by lodge, \$29 ; amount of dues in arrear, \$200. Prospects improving, better than any time during past two or three years. No insurance. Books examined, Secretary not quite up to the work, but minutes fairly well kept. Names of officers not entered in minutes each evening ; will be hereafter ; no ledger kept. Master promised to have one opened. Initiation of candidate fairly well done, more attention to the work necessary. The outstanding dues should be collected or the "Barnacles" cleared off. No lodge can prosper where there are so many "dead-heads." The room is sufficiently large and fairly suitable, and contains requisite furniture, but has been allowed to go dreadfully to dirt. I urged a thorough cleaning up, and have recently been informed by the Master this has been done, which cannot fail to add to the comfort and dignity of the brethren. The by-laws, which are now exhausted, require revising ; the charges now contained should be expunged ; the copy of course first being submitted for examination and approval of the Grand Master. This is one of the several lodges that had not been visited for some six or seven years. I have every hopes of improvement and increased prosperity.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster : Visited 4th December. Nine present ; total number of members, 23 ; average attendance, 10 ; cash on hand, or invested, \$15.94 ; amount of debts owing by the lodge, *nil* ; amount of dues in arrear, \$58.37 ; insurance, \$450. Prospects fair. Books examined, minutes not well kept, improvement expected and promised. Ledger irregularly kept, dates frequently not given, no entries in members' registry since 1886 ; no audit for many years ; Treasurer's book not balanced at stated or regular periods, but receipts and expenditures appear to have been regularly entered. Owing to the late hour the lodge assembled, nothing was done but open and close. I strongly urged greater punctuality, attention, and energy. The Master thinks the prospects fairly good. The lodge room is suitable, and comfortably furnished. I believe the lodge assisted in erecting the building in lieu of ten years' free rent.

McCoy Lodge, No. 242, Mallorytown : Visited 3rd February ; 33 present. Total number of members, 52 ; average attendance, 22 ; cash on hand or invested, \$42.19 ; amount of debts owing by lodge, \$600.00 ; amount of dues in arrears, \$246.25 ; insurance, \$800.00 ; prospects, good ; furniture worth about \$200.00. The lodge paid \$800 to the municipality towards the purchase of the building, in consideration of which they receive a lease of the lodge room for 99 years. Books examined ; minutes fairly kept ; names of officers not entered as should be ; Master has been in the habit of signing with pencil ; Treasurer's books appear correct, but entries made with pencil ; ledger fairly kept, but not balanced from time of opening accounts ; opening, initiating

and closing correctly and well done ; officers quite competent. I consider this a prosperous and active lodge of intelligent members.

Farrans Point Lodge, No. 256, Farrans Point : Visited 5th March. 22 present ; total number of members, 59 ; average attendance, not given ; amount of assets over liabilities, \$860.95 ; cash on hand or invested, \$31.00 ; amount of debts owing by lodge, \$378.93 ; amount of dues in arrear, \$81.40 ; insurance, \$800. ; prospects, good. The lodge own a brick building, store rented on ground floor, which also contains the refreshment room, the lodge being on first flat (second story). Minutes fairly kept, but not signed by Master, nor have the names of the officers been entered ; ledger has been indifferently kept, the present Secretary will have corrections attended to and manual improved ; Treasurer's accounts kept by Secretary in back of members' signature book, soft limp cover not suitable, I urged correction in these matters ; opening, initiating and closing well and correctly performed ; officers competent and energetic ; room comfortably furnished, ceiling too low, will probably be raised ; with the above exceptions I consider this a prosperous and satisfactory lodge.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville : Visited 7th November ; 24 present ; total number of members, 60 ; average attendance, 20 ; cash on hand or invested, \$275.00 ; amount of debts owing by lodge, *nil* ; amount of dues in arrear, \$118.53 ; insurance, \$200.00 ; prospects, bright ; books examined ; minutes well kept, except names of officers not entered, will be remedied in future ; ledger and other books correctly kept ; room comfortably furnished, but floor and ceiling underneath appear too thin, as sounds from below interfered with work, said, however, to have been exceptional. Opening and closing in the three degrees, and passing, all correctly and well performed ; apparently a good, harmonious and prosperous lodge. I was much pleased to note the careful and correct management of the Wor. Master and Secretary, who are evidently ably supported by the officers and brethren.

Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville : Visited 28th April. Twenty present ; total number of members, 65 ; average attendance, 17 ; cash on hand or invested, \$39.68 ; amount of debts owing by lodge, *nil* ; amount of dues in arrear, \$174.68 ; insurance, \$700 ; prospects, good. Books examined, are substantially bound, correctly and exceedingly well kept. The Secretary is evidently very painstaking. Opening up to third degree and raising ; work correctly and well carried out. In addition to being able to answer the usual questions, candidates are required to repeat their obligation in former degrees before being advanced. This is a practice worthy of example. If more lodges were to enforce it, we would have better instructed brethren. The lodge-room is large and well furnished, with suitable and convenient rooms attached. I consider this a satisfactory and creditable lodge. Salem has recently furnished a room in the Brockville General Hospital, reflecting credit on the generosity of its members.

Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta : Visited 9th October. Twenty-four present ; total number members, 51 ; average attendance, 20 ; cash on hand or invested, *nil* ; debts owing by lodge, \$151.10 ; amount of dues in arrear, \$53.76 ; insurance, not given ; prospects were never better. Books examined, they are regularly and well kept. The Secretary is evidently very attentive to his duties. Opening and closing in the three degrees and passing. Although this was the first meeting after the installation, the new officers did the work very creditably, and will, I am sure, make efficient workers. After the burning of the former lodge building, the brethren joined the municipality in the erection of a large stone building, the second flat for Masonic purposes, so that the

lodge virtually owns the building, subject to a nominal rent of two dollars a year for a period of ninety-nine (99) years. The lodge-room is large and exceedingly well furnished, all this accounts for the small liability above reported. I consider this a live and prosperous institution.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester: Visited 8th November. Four present; total number of members, 30; average attendance, 7; cash on hand or invested, *nil*; amount of debts owing by lodge, \$90.00; amount of dues in arrear, \$241.50; insurance, *nil*; prospects poor. This lodge had not been meeting regularly for some time. In 1888, four meetings were held; in 1889, three meetings were held. Although I gave about ten days' notice, only four of the brethren met me. The lodge-room showed signs of former prosperity, but had been so neglected that the whole place was covered with dust and dirt. After a long consultation with the four present, of whom the W.M., Dr. Reddick, took a prominent part, it was concluded there were thirteen of the members who could be depended upon to put their shoulders to the wheel and make a fresh start. On the 25th Feb., the Master wrote me saying a bonus had been paid to have the lease of the old hall cancelled, and a new and suitable hall had been taken in a central and convenient part of the village. Four petitions for membership and one by affiliation had been received, and prospects were looking quite bright, and that a strong effort would be made to pay off their indebtedness to Grand Lodge, which is the only claim against them, and from what I have seen of these brethren since my first visit. I have every reason to believe their fondest hopes will be realized; at the same time, if Grand Lodge can make a reduction in the claim, I think it will be a wise piece of legislation as a special case, as the greater number of their members have not paid dues for a long while and must be suspended. The officers and brethren of this lodge made excellent arrangements for the special communication of Grand Lodge which assembled at Winchester, on the 27th May, to which may be largely attributed the success of the day, and in turn the large assemblage present must add strength and importance to the local brethren. I have very great hopes of a prosperous future for this lodge.

Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowne: Visited 4th February. Ten present; total number of members, 17; average attendance, 10; cash on hand, or invested, \$12; amount of debts owing by lodge, *nil*; amount of dues in arrear, \$35; insurance, *nil*; prospects not good. Owing to the want of a suitable room this lodge has not held regular communications for some years. The meeting when I visited was held in Stewart's Hall, which is used for various public purposes, but not in any way suitable for a Masonic lodge. Everything I saw connected with this lodge showed a negligence and want of interest among the members to such a degree that it is questionable in my mind if new life can be infused. The ten present were men of standing, ability and means, and after a long consultation a committee was appointed to secure a suitable hall. Subsequently an application was made to the M.W. the Grand Master asking a dispensation to permit the meetings to take place in the Oddfellows' Hall, until a new hall was erected for the latter body, then in contemplation, after which the Masons would become the sole occupants of the old hall. This privilege was not, on constitutional grounds, granted. Subsequently arrangements were made for the use of the original room for one year, at the expiration of which time the old Oddfellows' Hall will be secured. The disorganization was such as to prevent me from examining the books, or even seeing them. Wor. Bro. J. A. Brady has informed me of the subsequent

action in securing the old room, and of proposed meeting therein. I think it will be well to allow the lodge another year to resuscitate, at the expiration of which, if satisfactory improvement is not made, it will be better to withdraw the charter.

Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta: Visited 20th February, 24 present. Total number of members, 46; average attendance, 20; cash on hand or invested, *nil*; amount of debts owing by lodge, \$200; amount of dues in arrear, \$17; insurance, \$550; prospects good. The lodge own the building in which they meet. It is valued at about \$750, exclusive of lot. The room is suitably and comfortably furnished. The dues being only \$1.50 per annum, the expenses must be kept at the minimum to make both ends meet. Books examined. They are not sufficiently large or substantial for lodge records. Minutes not well copied last year, will be improved by present Secretary. Other books correctly but not very nicely kept. All too small. The W.M. worked the first two degrees, and W. Bro. Chapman the third, the raising, opening and closing being satisfactorily carried out. On the whole I consider this a prosperous and satisfactory lodge, except as previously stated.

Lyn Lodge, No. 416, Lyn: Visited 8th October, 12 present. Total number of members, 25; average attendance, 15; cash on hand or invested, \$60; amount of debts owing by lodge, \$200; amount of dues in arrear, \$48; insurance, \$200; prospects good. Books examined; correctly and well kept. The Secretary is evidently painstaking and competent. Opening and closing in the three degrees, which were well done. Officers evidently well up in the work. The room is suitable and comfortably furnished. I was pleased to see two clergymen present, one of whom was the Senior Warden. Owing to a very wet day and that there had been two funerals in the village, which most of the brethren had attended, with six non-resident members, accounts for the small attendance. I was much pleased with all I saw, and consider the lodge very creditable and satisfactory.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville: Visited 5th December; 21 present. Total number of members, 32; average attendance, 12; cash on hand, or invested, \$117.95; amount of debts owing by lodge, \$9; amount of dues in arrear, \$22.28; insurance, *nil*; prospects good. Books examined, minutes better kept than formerly; names of officers not always entered, ledger not balanced. Cash book audited and certified; members' and visitors' registry properly kept. Minutes signed with lead pencil, corrections promised to be carried out in future. Lodge room very plain, but will answer. The second degree was indifferently conferred by the Master, a second passing by the Past Master fairly well done. More attention is actually necessary in order to exemplify the work even fairly well. Irregularities in signs and general deportment corrected. None of the members had been supplied with Grand Lodge certificates, which appear to have been withheld on the score of economy. This is most assuredly a great error. I urged that all be provided, and, for the future, fees for certificates be transmitted half-yearly with the other remittances to Grand Lodge. This is the youngest lodge in the district; age and experience will, doubtless, produce increased efficiency. The brethren appear to take a lively interest, and prospects may be considered good and fairly satisfactory.

In submitting these reports on the respective lodges I have been guided by a sense of conscientious duty, with the view of placing you in possession of the facts in each case, so far as they can be learned by one visit, and with the hope the lodges may profit thereby. This age has developed such a desire to hear pleasant things, that the one who

has sufficient moral courage to say what he thinks is frequently looked upon as ill-natured or as a "crank." Errors cannot generally be corrected unless they are first pointed out; but from the fraternal receptions and readiness to acquiesce in my suggestions, I feel the brethren will make efforts toward corrections where necessary, and those now doing well will be stimulated to continued exertion. Excellence can be maintained only through constant exertion.

On the whole, with the exception of one lodge, the district may be considered in a fairly prosperous and satisfactory condition, a desire being shown at all lodges to guard the ancient land-marks, and correct errors when pointed out. I believe regular visits from officers of the Grand Lodge will have great influence for good, by encouraging the weak and strengthening the strong. When lodges are not visited for from four to six years as has frequently been the case, it is no wonder they become discouraged, and that irregularities creep in.

The visits to the district of the M.W. the Grand Master and the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master were highly appreciated by the brethren. All such visits are calculated to stimulate and improve the Craft.

I wish to place on record my sense of gratitude for the very many acts of kindness extended to me by all the brethren with whom I came in contact. To P.D.D.G.M., Jno. Menish, and P.G.J.W., W. J. Simpson, I am especially indebted for advice and assistance, and trust the same courtesy will be extended to my successor.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. H. JACKSON, D.D.G.M.,  
St. Lawrence District, No. 15.

Brockville, June 30th, 1890.

#### OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 16.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I beg herein to submit this, my First very brief Report on the condition of Masonry in the Ottawa District, and trust you will not measure the work done by me during the year by the length of what follows:

On my return from Grand Lodge last July, where I received a unanimous vote to the office of D.D.G.M. for the Ottawa District, I felt at a great loss to know what to do or how to proceed with the duties of my high and important office, having had at that time a pre-arranged trip with my family as far west as the Rocky Mountains, which would necessitate an absence of at least three months from the district.

However, no particular calls having been made on me during that time, on my return, November 1st, I began at once making visits, finding at first some difficulty in not receiving notices of the regular meetings from all the lodges. To get over this difficulty, I wrote all negligent Secretaries, calling their attention to section 160 of Constitution; and, although this district covers a large area and necessitates some long journeys, yet I succeeded during the year, in visiting each of the eighteen lodges in the district once, some of them twice, and others thrice, and in every case on a regular meeting, and in this way saw a great deal of work done, and that very efficiently too.

I had several invitations to install the officers on the night of St.

John the Evangelist, but being unable to fill more than one place, gave the "Baby Lodge" (their own term) the preference. So I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, on that evening. The wives and lady friends of the brethren afterwards entertained us at a grand banquet, where a large number of brethren and friends spent a very pleasant and profitable evening. In fact, my reception by all the lodges was exceedingly agreeable and courteous, and I shall not soon forget the many kindnesses shown me wherever I went. Having received, through the Chairman on Benevolence, a circular for each lodge in the district, with information respecting application for relief, I at once mailed one to each lodge, and then kept up my visits as fast as possible, until all had been seen.

Owing to the satisfactory manner in which the work was performed, I did not deem it necessary to hold a Lodge of Instruction, for in every case the officers seemed to take a deep interest in the work, and in several instances the Deacons in particular showed great zeal and proficiency in their duties.

Financially most of the lodges are in a flourishing condition, but the old complaint (non-payment of dues) still crops up quite frequently. And permit me here to express an opinion, that if the lodges in general were more particular in the selection of a Secretary, there would be fewer complaints of unpaid dues. I believe a good Secretary to be the life of a lodge. I fear many of them soon forget the duties impressed upon them at installation.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, and Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, are not making much progress. The former, especially, having a very poor room and likewise furniture. The latter, on the contrary, has a very fine hall and beautiful furniture, but a carelessness has fallen on its members, and they, contrary to promise, do not obey all summonses and consequently their meetings are very slimly attended; but hope the efforts now being made will soon restore these lodges to their former prosperous condition.

The Ottawa city lodges are all doing good work and increasing in numbers very fast. Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, has taken a fresh start, and is prospering under its present officers. The same might be said of many other of the country lodges.

I take great pleasure in stating that no complaint has been lodged with me during the year, and all the lodges of the district are on the very best of terms.

I have granted the following dispensations: to attend Divine service clothed as Masons, Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, February 23; Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, April 20; Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, June 22; Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, June 24; Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, June 29; and, through the Grand Master, Builders, 177, to install officers other than day stated in By-laws: Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, to initiate a candidate outside their jurisdiction, all the fees for same being promptly sent in to Grand Secretary. Another pleasing feature during the year was the visit of the D.G.M. to our district, and delivering his very able lecture on Craft Masonry in Canada, in several of the lodges, and to a large number.

Among my last visits was one to the Capital, on June 24, St. John the Baptist's day, where I witnessed R.W. Bro. Taylor install the officers of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, at high twelve; R.W. Bro. Church, the officers of Fidelity Lodge, No. 231, at 6 p.m.; also taking in the regular meeting of Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, at 8 p.m.

In closing my brief report allow me to embrace this opportunity of extending to R.W. Bros. Taylor and Rea, of Ottawa, my warmest

thanks for the valuable assistance given me, as well as all the brethren whom I met on all occasions.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

DAVID BARR, D.D.G.M.,  
Ottawa District, No. 16.

Renfrew, June 28th, 1890.

#### ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 17.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario :*

**MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :**

The first report which I have now the honor of submitting to you of my opinion of the state of Masonry in the seventeenth district, will at least contain the merit of being founded upon the experience which a personal visit to every lodge in the district gives.

My first official act was the appointment of Rev. Bro. R. Nairn, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. A. Carmichael, District Secretary, both members of Pequonga, 414. to whom I am greatly indebted for their diligence and active exertions to make my year a success.

We have also been honored by a visit from R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, D.G.M., who delighted the brethren of this district with his interesting and instructive lecture on ancient Freemasonry.

The brethren of this district will doubtless long remember the visit of our distinguished brother, not only in consequence of the excellent opportunities thus afforded of acquiring needful information, but as well by force of example in the gentlemanly bearing and graceful dignity, which uniformly characterize the conduct of such a distinguished brother.

The brethren of Pequonga and Keewatin lodges entertained the R. W. Bro. by a sail through the thousands of islands on the far-famed Lake of the Woods.

Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur : My first official visit in the district I paid to this lodge at the regular meeting on 3rd Sept., accompanied by R. W. Bro. Thompson, P.D.D.G.M. W. Bro. Johnson and his officers exemplified the third degree accurately and impressibly, the floor work being unusually good. The Secretary, Bro. Mooring, keeps a neat set of books. Refreshments were afterwards served, and a pleasant evening spent.

Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William : I visited this lodge at the regular meeting on the 4th Sept., 1889, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Fraser, W. Bro. Johnson and Bro. Brown, of Shuniah Lodge. W. Bro. Perry conferred the second degree excellently, but was poorly supported by his subordinate officers. I understand that W. Bro. Perry has been drilling his officers so that they now reflect credit both on himself and his lodge. The books I found to be in good condition and properly kept.

Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault St. Marie : I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on 6th Sept., 1889. The W.M., J.W. and six visitors opened the lodge, received your representative, and closed again. I visited this lodge again by request on 25th Sept.; there were about twenty present. The W.M. conferred the third degree, I regret to say the work was not performed as well as I could have wished. The Secretary, Bro. Elliott, is a painstaking and efficient secretary, his books are a credit to the lodge. A new set of officers were elected last December, and I understand a marked improvement is noticeable in the work. The brethren of this lodge gave me a banquet, were kind and courteous.

Manitoulin Lodge, No. 407, Gore Bay : I visited this lodge at regular meeting on 9th Sept. There were about ten present ; all were poorly skilled in ritual, constitution, and jurisprudence, forgetting in many cases the duties they owe to themselves and the craft. The feeling referred to by my predecessor has I fear grown from bad to worse ( see special report ). During my term, I have had three summonses of meetings and eight letters of complaint, all of which I lay before you for your consideration. Bro. Hunt gave the lodge and your representative a banquet, at which a pleasant time was spent.

Pequonga, No 414, Rat Portage : I visited this lodge on 2nd October, 1889, and witnessed the W.M. confer the first and second degrees. The officers acquitted themselves very creditably. I also had the honor of installing the officers on 24th June, 1890, and presenting the retiring W.M. with a handsome P.M. Jewel. From what I could judge of the newly elected officers, I believe that a marked improvement in the work will be very noticeable. The books I found to be neatly and correctly kept. The historic register of this lodge has never been written up. This lodge I consider has a bright future before it. See appendix statement.

Keewatin Lodge, 417, Keewatin : I visited this lodge on 4th October. W. Bro. Newel and his able staff of officers exemplified first and second degrees admirably. I also had the honor of installing the officers on 27th December, and witnessing their efficiency on 29th June. A Board of Trial was exemplified in a manner that would reflect credit on any lodge. The books are in good condition, and are correctly kept. This is a young but prosperous lodge, having many enthusiastic and earnest workers. See appendix statement.

#### NEW LODGE.

I received an application from certain brethren of Thessalon requesting a dispensation to establish a lodge there. The application was forwarded to me by the Secretary of Keystone Lodge, No. 412, unrecommended on account of the sparsely settled character of the proposed jurisdiction. For this reason the Grand Master withheld his consent to grant dispensation.

This is the first year any attempt has been made towards paying travelling expenses of D.D.G.M., the following lodges having their share of \$15.00 each : Shuniah Lodge, No. 287 ; Fort William Lodge, No. 415 ; Keystone Lodge, No 412. This is indeed gratifying for a voluntary start ; it is to be hoped the other lodges in the district will gracefully fall in line and do likewise. Dispensations were granted to following lodges to attend divine service : Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, two ; Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, two ; Keystone Lodge, No. 412, one ; also to Shuniah Lodge for Ball, and Keystone Lodge to elect and install officers other than time specified in by-laws. Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, and Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, are the only lodges that have sent in statements supplied by Grand Secretary showing the standing of lodge.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Secretary, I desire to express my esteem for the valuable advice given me on all occasions.

To the Brethren of this District I tender my sincere thanks for their uniform generosity and courtesy, also to those who accompanied me in my official visits. To them I am indebted for making my term of office as District Deputy Grand Master the most pleasant period of my Masonic life.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

D. T. FERGUSON, D.D.G.M.

Rat Portage, 30th June, 1890.

Algoma District, No. 17.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WARRANTS.

R.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following

## REPORT:

The Board beg to report that they have considered the petition of the brethren of Sudbury for a warrant, and recommend that a dispensation be granted to them.

The Board recommend that warrants be granted to Strong Lodge, Sundridge, Georgian District, and Doric Lodge, Pickering, Toronto District.

The Board recommend that the dispensation to St. Clair Lodge, Port Lambton, St. Clair District, be continued for another year, that lodge having failed to forward its books for inspection.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

DONALD ROSS,

*Chairman Sub-Committee on Warrants.*

It was moved by R.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R.W. Bro. Donald Ross, and

*Resolved*,—That the Report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following

## REPORT:

The Board, through the Committee on Finance, have audited the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and certify to their correctness.

All moneys received by the Grand Secretary have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and the receipt acknowledged by that officer. Vouchers have been produced for all payments made by the Grand Treasurer, as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The Receipts and Expenditure from 1st June, 1889, to 31st May, 1890, have been as follows:—

## RECEIPTS.

Cash in Bank, 31st May, 1889 .....	\$ 8,444 11
Certificates .....	2,683 00
Dues.....	10,002 25
Fees.....	1,683 00
Dispensations.....	199 00
Warrants.....	50 00
Constitutions.....	455 00
Commutations .....	249 25
Interest on General Fund.....	2,620 79
Interest on Asylum Fund.....	333 00
Sundries.....	103 40
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	\$26,852 80

## EXPENDITURES.

Grand Secretary's salary .....	\$ 1,600 00
Assistant to Grand Secretary.....	800 00
Grand Treasurer's salary.....	200 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office .....	175 00
Allowance to Grand Master for expenses.....	500 00
Grand Secretary, sundry expenses at Grand Lodge.....	33 00
Masonic Relief Association, U.S. and Canada.....	194 50
Expenses of Annual Meeting of Board.....	757 75
<i>Times</i> Printing Co., Proceedings, Constitutions, &c .....	1,030 77
Buntin, Gillies & Co., Stationery.....	4 25
R. Duncan & Co., Books and Stationery.....	70 10

Copp, Clark & Co., Certificates, &c.....	\$474 74
Committee on Foreign Correspondence .....	100 00
Copy of Provincial G. L. Register .....	35 00
Chairman of Benevolence, Postages, &c.....	15 00
Jas. Garland, Painting Grand Secretary's office.....	72 70
Premium on Grand Secretary's Bond.....	50 00
J. S. Ellis, Printing Grand Master's Address.....	12 00
H. Harding, Repairs Grand Secretary's office.....	16 22
Insurance on Regalia.....	15 75
Expenses obtaining Warrant of Lodge 189.....	10 00
Orders on Benevolence.....	9,610 00

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES, VIZ:—

Fuel and light .....	\$ 63 98
Office cleaning.....	50 28
Express and cartage.....	14 00
Travelling expenses.....	12 75
Telegrams.....	13 36
Books and Stationery.....	10 90
Half Rent of Telephone.....	16 00
Postage.....	231 45
Sundries.....	11 58

\$424 30

Less amount due Grand Secretary.....	24 30
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400 00

Grand Secretary, balance of incidentals, 31st May, 1889...	111 96
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Cash in Bank of Commerce, 31st May, 1890 .....	10,564 06
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\$26,852 80

The funds of Grand Lodge on 31st May, 1890, were as follows:—

London Loan Co. Debentures.....	\$10,000 00
Western Canada Loan and Savings Co.....	10,000 00
Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Co.....	10,000 00
London Bankers' and Loan Co.....	10,000 00
Hamilton Provident and Loan Co.....	10,000 00
Huron and Essex Loan and Savings Co.....	10,000 00
Cash in Bank of Commerce.....	10,564 06

\$70,564 06

Which represents the balances at the credit of the following accounts:

General Fund.....	\$58,473 81
Asylum Fund, bal. 31st May, 1891.....	\$11,757 25
Add interest collected .....	333 00

12,090 25

\$70,564 06

The Board have examined the following accounts, and finding them correct, recommend their payment:—

Times Printing Co., Proceedings, Constitution, &c.....	\$1,055 37
Copp, Clark & Co., Certificates, &c.....	276 66
Committee on Foreign Correspondence .....	100 00
Grand Chap. of Canada, half expenses deputation to Brockville.....	39 50
Robert Duncan & Co., Books, Stationery, &c.....	54 80
Buntin, Gillies & Co., Paper.....	6 00
Mrs. Hood, Repairs to Regalia .....	24 03
Grand Secretary, bal. of incidentals, 1891.....	24 30
Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals .....	400 00
Chairman of Benevolence Committee, Postages, &c.....	15 50

\$1,995 66

In reference to the communication from R.W. Bro. H. J. Wilkinson, D.D.G.M., No. 14 District, *re* the funds transmitted to the Grand Secretary from the sale of furniture and effects of Frontenac Lodge, No. 363 (whose warrant was surrendered), in which he suggests that the amount (\$57.25) be divided amongst the eleven brethren, who were in good standing at that time, to enable them to affiliate with some other lodge, the Board recommend that when any one of the said brethren

affiliates with any other lodge, the amount of his affiliation fee shall be recouped to him out of this fund.

The Board, through the Committee of Finance, assisted by the sub-committee appointed to assist them on printing, beg to report that they have considered the suggestions made by members of the Board of General Purposes regarding Grand Lodge printing, and respectfully recommend :

1. That the reports of the Committees of Audit and Finance, Warrants, and Condition of Masonry, and a portion of that of the Committee of Benevolence, be placed in the hands of the printer by the Grand Secretary as soon as possible after their adoption by the Board and distributed to members of Grand Lodge as soon as the reports referred to are presented to Grand Lodge.

2. In order that the constitution of Grand Lodge may be placed in the hands of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction, the Board beg to recommend that a paper-covered edition of the same be issued by the Grand Secretary as soon as possible, the price of the same to be fifteen cents per copy, and a circular sent to the W.M's. of the different lodges of the Province, notifying them of the opportunity and requesting that the said circular be read in the lodge at the first meeting after its receipt.

3. That to meet the need of presenting the annual proceedings of the Grand Lodge, etc., in as succinct and readable form as possible, steps were taken by practical men to prepare specifications for greater condensation in the tabular statements, and these having been submitted to several printing firms with the request that estimates for the work be based thereon, and the tenders having been duly examined, the Board recommend that the tender of Hunter, Rose & Co., of Toronto, for Grand Lodge printing for the next three years be accepted.

It having been represented to the Board that at the time of the surrender of the warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, held by St. John's Lodge, L'Original, the sum of £10 1s. 1d. was due by that lodge to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the Board recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to remit that amount, together with the warrant, to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and at the same time to ask that the said warrant may be cancelled and returned to St. John's Lodge, 21a, as a souvenir.

Fraternally submitted.

THOS. SARGANT,

*Chairman Sub-Committee on Audit and Finance.*

It was moved by R.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R.W. Bro. Thomas Sargent, and

*Resolved*,—That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and (subsequently) adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

R.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, on behalf of the Board, presented the following report :

The Board have had under consideration the several applications for relief, and, after due consideration, recommend that the following appropriations be paid during the ensuing year from the Funds of Benevolence, in two half-yearly payments, namely :—

No.	Grantee.	\$	Payer.	No.	Grantee.	%	Payer.	No.	Grantee.	%	Payer.	No.	Grantee.	%	Payer.
1	Toronto, B. R. ...	100	Toronto, B. R.	40	Wid. of T. B. H.	20	Ham, B. R.	79	Wid. of F. L. McC.	30	London B. R.	118	Orphans of T. P.	40	"
2	Hamilton	100	Hamilton	41	" J. H. W.	20	"	80	" F. L. McC.	30	"	119	" J. D.	50	"
3	London	100	London	42	" W. W. R.	20	"	81	" E. M.	30	"	120	Wid. of F. W. R.	20	Peterbo
4	Kingston	30	Kingston	43	" P. S.	30	"	82	" J. R.	20	"	121	" W. B.	30	"
5	Chatham	30	Chatham	44	" W. S.	20	"	83	Bro. J. B.	50	"	122	" T. B. M.	30	"
6	Guelph	20	Guelph	45	" W. L.	20	"	84	Orphans of J. O.	30	Ottawa	123	" G. T.	40	"
7	Stratford	20	Stratford	46	" J. W. H.	20	"	85	Wid. of T. S.	30	"	124	" S. W.	20	"
8	Barrie	20	Barrie	47	" J. S. L.	30	"	86	" P. V.	20	"	125	" A. B.	30	"
9	Brookville	20	Brookville	48	" J. McK.	20	"	87	" J. P.	40	"	126	" J. McK.	30	Chatham
10	Wid. of A. D. G.	20	Toronto	49	" J. B.	20	"	88	" J. H.	20	"	127	" R. A. K.	30	Guelph
11	" J. P.	30	"	50	" T. S.	30	"	89	" T. S.	30	"	128	" W. C.	20	"
12	" W. J.	30	"	51	" F. B.	30	"	90	" E. C. B.	30	"	129	" G. S.	20	"
13	" J. J.	20	"	52	" W. D.	20	"	91	" J. McK.	30	"	130	Bro. J. E. W.	10	"
14	" F. N.	20	"	53	" J. A. M.	30	"	92	" E. P.	30	"	131	Orphans of G. S. B.	10	"
15	" A. J.	30	"	54	" J. L.	40	"	93	" J. W. I.	20	"	132	Daugh. of R. H. L.	20	"
16	" J. McK.	30	"	55	Bro. C. W. S.	50	"	94	" W. H. H.	40	"	133	Wid. of S. I.	20	Stratford
17	" F. S. B.	20	"	56	" J. K.	50	"	95	" A. M.	40	"	134	" J. S.	30	St. Thos.
18	" J. G.	20	"	57	" A. B.	40	"	96	" W. A.	30	"	135	" W. M.	30	"
19	" C. S.	20	"	58	Wid. of T. B. W.	20	London	97	" A. G.	30	"	136	" T. C.	30	Strathroy
20	" J. M.	30	"	59	" J. L. C.	10	"	98	Orphans of J. O.	40	"	137	" J. C. S.	30	"
21	" A. W. T.	20	"	60	" T. L.	20	"	99	" H. McB.	30	"	138	" W. J. B.	20	"
22	" T. R.	20	"	61	" C. B.	30	"	100	Wid. of T. G. H.	20	Kingston	139	" H. H.	20	"
23	" H. P. B.	30	"	62	" L. H.	30	"	101	" R. C. R.	30	"	140	" J. McN.	20	"
24	" J. G. B.	30	"	63	" E. W. G.	20	"	102	" J. J. W.	20	"	141	" D. Z.	20	"
25	" J. W. F.	40	"	64	" D. M.	20	"	103	" P. H. B.	30	"	142	Orph. of J. M. B.	10	"
26	" F. A. M.	40	"	65	" W. C.	30	"	104	" J. R. T.	20	"	143	Wid. of J. C. S.	30	Galt
27	" W. H. F.	30	"	66	" A. G.	40	"	105	" D. R.	20	"	144	" G. G.	30	"
28	" C. G. F.	30	"	67	" A. C.	20	"	106	" J. B. G.	20	"	145	" E. J. E.	30	"
29	" D. S.	20	"	68	" J. P.	20	"	107	" J. K. O.	30	"	146	" T. B.	20	"
30	" G. W. S.	40	"	69	" T. M. C. L.	30	"	108	" J. K. O.	20	"	147	" M. McK.	30	Goderich
31	" R. P.	30	"	70	" T. G. S.	20	"	109	" W. T.	20	"	148	" D. McL.	30	"
32	" G. T. P.	30	"	71	" W. H. S.	20	"	110	" W. R.	20	"	149	" T. A.	40	Barrie
33	" W. J. S.	30	"	72	" S. M.	30	"	111	" W. J.	20	"	150	Bro. J. B.	50	"
34	" J. R. L. S.	40	"	73	" L. G. J.	30	"	112	" R. N.	10	"	151	Wid. of H. B. W.	20	"
35	" W. B.	30	"	74	" J. E.	30	"	113	" W. V. N.	30	"	152	Bro. E. McN.	50	"
36	Mother of J. H. C.	20	"	75	" T. E.	20	"	114	" H. N.	20	"	153	Orph. of F. O. C.	30	Owen Sd.
37	Bro. C. W. W.	50	"	76	" G. B. G.	20	"	115	" J. M.	30	"	154	Wid. of A. S. Mel.	50	Ridge
38	Orphans of T. E.	10	"	77	" H. A. B.	20	"	116	" H. J. B.	30	"	155	Bro. R. M.	50	"
39	Wid. of P. P.	20	Hamilton	78	" J. W.	20	"	117	Bro. F. E.	50	"	156	" J. C.	50	"

No	Grantee.	\$	Payer.	No	Grantee.	\$	Payer.	No	Grantee.	\$	Payer.	No	Grantee.	\$	Payer.
157	Wid. of S. F. . . .	40	Ridget'n, BR	196	Wid. of J. C. . . .	20	KingSol., 43.	235	Orphans of T. P. . .	40	Burford, 106.	274	Wid. of T. D. . . .	30	Miss, 147.
158	" W. H. H. . . .	30	"	197	" J. M. . . .	20	"	236	Wid. of C. B. . . .	30	St. Paul, 107.	275	" W. S. . . .	20	G. River 151
159	McK. C. . . .	30	"	198	" H. H. . . .	20	"	237	" E. U. . . .	20	Albion, 100.	276	" W. T. . . .	20	York 156.
160	F. N. . . .	20	"	199	" J. M. . . .	20	"	238	" G. W. V. . . .	20	"	277	" E. A. H. . . .	20	Simpson 157
161	W. S. . . .	40	"	200	" J. T. . . .	20	Brant, 45.	239	Bro. P. M. . . .	40	"	278	" W. S. . . .	40	Merritt, 108.
162	J. T. . . .	20	Niagara 2	201	" D. C. . . .	30	"	240	Orphan of J. R. . .	20	Central, 110.	279	" W. H. C. . . .	30	Oriental, 181
163	R. H. . . .	20	"	202	" T. S. . . .	20	"	241	Wid. of T. D. H. .	40	"	280	" J. E. D. . . .	30	"
164	N. G. . . .	20	Union, 9	203	" T. P. C. . . .	20	Stirling, 69.	242	" W. A. . . .	20	Wilson, 113.	281	" T. S. . . .	30	P. Albert, 183
165	S. V. P. . . .	20	"	204	" D. C. . . .	20	St. James, 73	243	" W. S. P. . . .	20	"	282	" R. R. W. . . .	30	Orellia, 192.
166	N. W. S. . . .	20	"	205	" W. A. B. . . .	20	"	244	" L. R. . . .	20	"	283	" R. R. . . .	30	Petrolia, 194.
167	J. C. B. . . .	20	"	206	Bro. J. J. . . .	40	"	245	" W. P. . . .	20	"	284	Bro. J. T. . . .	30	Mada, 196.
168	J. A. . . .	30	"	207	" S. M. D. . . .	40	St. James, 74	246	" J. H. B. . . .	30	"	285	Wid. of W. W. . .	30	St. Alb., 200.
169	W. D. H. . . .	20	Norfolk, 10.	208	Wid. of W. P. . .	30	St. Oxford, 76.	247	" J. H. H. . . .	30	Ivy, 115.	286	" C. S. H. . . .	20	Leeds, 201.
170	A. D. . . .	20	"	209	" G. P. . . .	20	"	248	" A. M. . . .	30	"	287	" H. W. . . .	30	Everg, 209
171	J. B. . . .	20	"	210	" A. S. . . .	20	"	249	" B. R. . . .	20	"	288	" J. F. G. . . .	30	Craig, 214.
172	Bro. J. B. . . .	50	"	211	" W. J. I. . . .	30	Faith, Br. 77.	250	" M. C. . . .	20	Map, L, 119.	289	Bro. I. L. . . .	40	Credit, 219.
173	Wid. of S. McC.	20	Moira, 11.	212	" D. McL. . . .	20	St. Johns, 81.	251	" J. C. McTR . . .	20	"	290	Wid. of W. McK.	20	"
174	J. H. . . .	20	True Brit. 14	213	" J. McK. . . .	20	"	252	" T. A. . . .	20	"	291	" A. A. R. . . .	30	Zereta, 520.
175	W. S. . . .	30	P. Edward 18	214	" E. H. . . .	20	"	253	Orphan of S. J. B. .	10	"	292	" F. R. . . .	40	Mann., 222.
176	J. J. C. . . .	20	"	215	" J. R. . . .	20	Manitou, 90.	254	Wid. of W. P. . .	20	Doric, 121.	293	" S. L. McC.	30	Ionic, 229.
177	Bro. J. W. C. . .	50	St. Franc. 24	216	" R. H. . . .	20	"	255	" H. R. . . .	20	"	294	" A. B. S. . . .	30	Beaver, 234.
178	Wid. of R. L. . .	20	"	217	" A. N. B. . . .	20	Colborne, 91.	256	" C. B. . . .	30	Belle, 123.	295	" F. Le R. . . .	30	Man., 236.
179	" J. McG. . . .	20	"	218	Orphan of W. R. .	10	"	257	" J. A. McL. . . .	30	"	296	Bro. W. N. . . .	40	Ilavel, 238.
180	" J. W. P. . . .	30	"	219	Wid. of G. G. . .	20	"	258	" S. C. E. . . .	20	"	297	Wid. of T. F. . .	40	Tweed, 239.
181	" W. B. W. . . .	20	"	220	" W. H. T. . . .	20	"	259	" R. N. . . .	20	"	298	" E. I. . . .	40	Thistle, 250.
182	" W. J. . . .	20	Compos., 31.	221	" J. G. R. . . .	20	"	260	Orph. of G. B. F. .	20	St. Clair, 135.	299	" A. K. . . .	30	Clifton, 254.
183	" A. D. . . .	30	Jerusalem 31	222	" J. M. M. . . .	20	"	261	Wid. of J. R. M. .	20	"	300	" J. W. . . .	30	Syden, 255.
184	" G. G. . . .	10	"	223	Bro. J. M. . . .	50	N. Light, 93.	262	" J. P. . . .	20	"	301	" W. P. . . .	30	O. Bran, 261.
185	" W. R. P. . . .	30	"	224	Orph. of W. J. D. .	20	"	263	" W. R. . . .	20	"	302	" J. S. H. . . .	30	Harris, 262.
186	" W. L. . . .	40	Amity, 32.	225	Wid. of W. H. . .	20	Sharon, 97.	264	" R. S. . . .	30	"	303	" J. A. . . .	20	N. Hope, 270.
187	Bro. A. C. . . .	20	"	226	" C. G. . . .	30	"	265	Bro. J. B. . . .	50	Rich., 136.	304	" J. I. . . .	20	"
188	Wid. of S. W. . .	20	"	227	" R. B. C. P. . . .	20	"	266	Wid. of W. C. J. .	20	Pythia, 137.	305	" S. W. . . .	40	Lorne, 282.
189	" J. C. . . .	20	"	228	" J. C. . . .	20	Tuscan, 99.	267	" R. M. . . .	40	"	306	Orphans of G. R. .	10	"
190	" M. J. S. . . .	20	Thistle, 34.	229	" R. F. . . .	40	"	268	" W. F. L. . . .	10	"	307	Wid. of J. McK.	20	Temple, 2 6.
191	Bro. H. T. R. . .	20	"	230	" R. B. . . .	20	"	269	Bro. J. F. B. . . .	40	Excell, 142.	308	" C. G. B. . . .	20	Victoria, 249
192	Wid. of B. N. . .	50	Welland, 36	231	" J. F. R. . . .	30	"	270	Wid. of R. G. . . .	20	Pr. of W., 146	309	" J. R. A. . . .	20	St. Olive, 300
193	" R. S. McK . .	20	"	232	" F. E. E. . . .	20	"	271	Orphan of J. R. S. .	40	"	310	" R. S. . . .	40	Blyth, 303.
194	" J. C. B. G. . .	40	K Hiram, 37.	233	Orphan of S. S. . .	40	St. Johns, 104	272	Wid. of W. A. D. .	20	Mississ., 147.	311	Bro. W. W. . . .	40	Mnerva, 304
195	" I. N. . . .	30	Trent, 38.	234	Wid. of J. B. S. .	30	Burford, 106.	273	" J. T. . . .	30	"	312	Wid. of A. B. . .	20	"



## RETURNS BY LOCAL BOARDS OF RELIEF AS AT 31st MAY, 1890.

NAME OF BOARD.	RECEIPTS.							EXPENDITURES.										
	Balance on Hand.	Direct Grant for Transient Relief.	Special Grants to Applicants.	From Private Lodges.	From Private Chapters.	From Other Sources.	Total Receipts.	Balance due Treasurers	Balance due Treasurers.	Special Grants to Applicants.	Transient Relief.	Local Relief.	Funeral Expenses.	Orders Returned.	Other Payments.	Incidentals.	Total Expenditures.	Balance on Hand.
Toronto.....	1 212 37	100 00	640 00	351 30	.....	175 28	2 479 49	.....	.....	635 01	82 56	106 30	39 00	5 00	188 00	63 27	1 315 13	1 164 36
Hamilton.....	282 05	100 00	590 00	397 65	.....	110 80	1 480 50	.....	.....	570 00	100 56	546 75	39 00	20 00	.....	7 50	1 237 31	243 19
London.....	201 76	100 00	670 00	40 10	.....	259 54	1 271 40	.....	.....	670 00	189 30	105 00	84 00	25 00	.....	6 00	1 091 80	209 60
Ottawa.....	34 01	30 00	430 00	217 00	.....	80 00	791 04	.....	.....	45 00	30 00	181 00	84 00	25 00	.....	1 48	731 00	60 01
Kingston.....	5 25	50 00	480 00	12 00	.....	44 00	591 25	.....	.....	480 00	14 50	79 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....	586 98	4 30
Peterborough.....	7 84	20 00	150 00	30 00	.....	.....	187 84	.....	.....	150 00	25 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	175 00	12 84
Chatham.....	20 35	20 00	120 00	68 50	.....	.....	228 85	.....	.....	120 00	59 85	31 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	211 35	17 60
Guelph.....	22 74	130 00	34 62	.....	.....	5 00	192 36	.....	.....	130 00	15 88	19 76	.....	.....	10 00	1 00	166 63	25 73
Stratford.....	9 73	20 00	69 80	.....	.....	.....	99 53	.....	.....	20 00	41 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71 00	28 53
St. Thomas.....	6 88	.....	10 00	.....	.....	2 00	18 88	.....	.....	110 00	2 50	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 25	13 63
Galt.....	8 46	.....	143 46	.....	.....	.....	143 46	.....	.....	130 00	50 30	30 00	9 00	.....	.....	36	140 56	2 90
Strathroy.....	.....	.....	130 00	32 86	.....	.....	162 86	.....	.....	120 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	162 86	.....
Godrich.....	.....	.....	130 00	13 00	.....	.....	143 00	.....	.....	120 00	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	143 00	.....
Windsor.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodstock.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barrie.....	3 35	.....	90 00	.....	.....	.....	93 35	.....	.....	90 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00	3 35
Brockville.....	85 69	.....	410 00	.....	.....	.....	235 69	.....	.....	150 00	15 55	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	179 55	56 14
Owen Sound.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 56	.....

NOTE.—Among "Other Sources," Returned Loans are included.

NOTE.—Among "Other Payments," Loans are included.

The local boards of relief which have failed to make returns are, Windsor and Woodstock, both of which are probably defunct.

The lodges which by their return of grants made by Grand Lodge and made payable through the Master of the lodge, show that they have raised money by local contributions and expended the same for benevolent purposes, are the following, viz: No. 9, \$37.65; No. 10, \$33.21; No. 18, \$20; No. 26, \$68.85; No. 31, \$190.43; No. 32, \$8; No. 37, \$25; No. 73, \$37.25; No. 77, \$44.17; No. 81, \$33.35; No. 90, \$90; No. 91, \$11; No. 93, \$170; No. 97, \$30; No. 104, \$20; No. 110, \$19; No. 123, \$86; No. 136, \$70; No. 139, \$15; No. 151, \$20; No. 216, \$70; No. 219, \$10; No. 270, \$75; No. 279, \$25; No. 300, \$10; No. 304, \$32; No. 306, \$80; No. 309, \$25; No. 314, \$8; No. 346, \$10; No. 352, \$15; No. 357, \$72; No. 392, \$75; No. 400, \$10.

The lodges which by their "return" of grants made by Grand Lodge and made payable through the Master of the lodge do not show that any money was raised or expended by such lodges for benevolent purposes, are the following, viz: Nos. 2, 14, 24, 30, 36, 38, 43, 66, 100, 103, 106, 109, 113, 115, 116, 119, 145, 147, 181, 192, 193, 194, 196, 200, 201, 209, 220, 222, 225, 238, 255, 272, 282, 296, 299, 305, 318, 319, 321, 323, 354, 386 and 390.

The lodges in default of making "return" of grants as required by Grand Lodge rule, and in consequence of which default no order for any subsequent grant will be issued until such "return" is made, are the following, viz: For grants in 1887, No. 38, \$30; No. 289, \$30. For grants in 1888, No. 384, \$30. For grants in 1889, No. 11, \$40; No. 48, \$10; No. 55, \$30; No. 99, \$20; No. 125, \$40; No. 126, \$60; No. 137, \$70; No. 157, \$20; No. 161, \$40; No. 169, \$30; No. 171, \$40; No. 183, \$30; No. 203, \$50; No. 237, \$20; No. 250, \$30; No. 261, \$30; No. 303, \$40; No. 389, \$20.

It having been made the duty of the District Deputy Grand Masters to see that the returns due by lodges are duly made, the chairman of the committee on benevolence, in order to facilitate that duty, prepared for signature and lodge seal the returns due by defaulting lodges for grants from 1880 to 1888 inclusive, being 68 in number, sent the same to the D.D.G.M. to whose district such lodges belonged, accompanied by a supply of the rules and a letter requesting that the returns be presented for execution upon the official visit, and then mailed to the Grand Secretary, also soliciting cordial co-operation in the matter. Accordingly 28 returns were thus mailed up to February last. A recent letter, requesting compliance, was sent in February last. It was then ascertained by correspondence that many of the returns had *not been presented personally*, but had been *mailed* to the lodge officers and had been lost. A duplicate return was asked for and was also sent accordingly; upon these duplicates 19 returns were mailed up to May last. A third letter, requesting compliance, was sent in May last. Again duplicates were asked for and were sent, and upon these 16 returns were mailed, still leaving 4 returns due; these are; In District No. 3, Lodge No. 388, grant in 1886; Lodge No. 289, grant in 1887. In District No. 11, Lodge No. 384, grant in 1888. In District No. 13, Lodge No. 38, grant in 1887.

#### REPORT UPON THE APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF.

327 Applications were received up to 12th July, 1890. 180 of these were received up to 1st of June, being the time required by Rule 5; 25 applications, only signed by a private individual, contrary to Rule 4; 17 applications furnish no particulars, contrary to Rule 2; 67 applications are either without signature of the Master or without sig-

nature of the Secretary of the lodge, contrary to Rule 4 ; 20 applications made through local boards of relief, are without either signature of Chairman or Secretary of the same, contrary to Rule 4 ; 17 applications are without seal of the lodge, contrary to Rule 4 ; 202 applications furnish no resolution of the lodge, as is made imperative by Rule 4, as per Grand Lodge resolution of July, 1889 ; 210 applications show that no aid has been given by a private lodge or local board of relief ; 100 applications show that such aid has been given ; 4 applications are made in behalf of unaffiliated brethren or relatives of the same, contrary to Rule 11 ; 103 private lodges and 13 local boards of relief failed to make return for grants in 1889 up to 1st of June, 1890, as required by Rule 7 ; 23 private lodges and 2 local boards of relief failed up to date to make such returns ; 41 applications are for parties who apply for the first time ; 96 informations are furnished by District Deputy Grand Masters respecting applicants as required by Rule 13, according to Grand Lodge resolution of July, 1889, viz : district No. 1, 10 ; district No. 2, 17 ; district No. 4, 5 ; district No. 7, 5 ; district No. 8, 19 ; district No. 10, 15 ; district No. 14, 9 ; district No. 15, 1 ; district No. 16, 15.

The conditions upon which the new grants have been made are as follows :

Whereas, a number of the applications made for grants are not made in conformity with the rules of the Grand Lodge, especially the rule passed at last session of Grand Lodge, which requires that a copy of the resolution of the lodge recommending an application be attached to the same ; therefore the conditions upon which the foregoing grants have been made are that each private lodge and local board of relief having sent in applications which are defective as regards said rules and upon which nevertheless the above grants have been made, shall be required through the chairman of the committee on benevolence at an early day after the close of this session of Grand Lodge to furnish on or before the first day of October next such copy of resolution, as also such other requisite information as is required to be given upon the printed form of application, but not at present furnished by the same. And that orders for the payment of the foregoing conditional grants shall only be issued in those cases where such copy of resolution and additional information is furnished as aforesaid, and that all the other grants shall be considered as null and void.

The board recommend that the rules respecting grants of benevolence be amended as follows :

Rule 4. Strike out in the first line the word "either," also strike out the words, "or by a duly constituted local board of relief signed by the chairman and secretary thereof."

Rule 6. Strike out the words, "from which the application for such grant issued."

Rule 12. Strike out the words, "and local board of relief."

Rule 13. Strike out the words, "and also to get all the information in regard to such case or cases as may be possible, and to forward such information to the Grand Secretary before the first day of July in each year, upon a form prepared for that purpose by the board of general purposes for the use of the same and of the committee on benevolence. And in case a District Deputy Grand Master cannot visit such a lodge, it shall nevertheless be his duty to use his best endeavors to obtain such information and forward the same in manner aforesaid."

Also strike out the words, "and they shall procure from the Grand Secretary a sufficient supply of blank forms of applications and returns to enable him to furnish the same to the lodges in his district."

Also add to Rule 4 the following words: "All applications for relief recommended by private lodges situated in any city or town in which there is a local board of relief acknowledged as such by Grand Lodge, shall be transmitted to Grand Lodge through such local board of relief."

Also add to Rule 6 the following words: "Wherever there is a local board of relief acknowledged as such by Grand Lodge in any city or town, all grants made to parties recommended by any lodge within the limit of such city or town shall be made payable through the secretary-treasurer of such local board of relief."

Add to Rule 6 after the words "recommending the application," the following words: "And it shall be imperative to have given such aid during the twelve months last preceding the date of such application, to record the same in the minute book and to state the same in the application."

Add as Rule 14: "Private lodges or local boards of relief, which fail to comply with the foregoing rules, have no claim for the consideration of applications for relief."

Add as Rule 15: "The chairman of the committee on benevolence shall prepare and lay before the board of general purposes, at its first meeting, held immediately before each annual communication of Grand Lodge, and for the purpose of being printed for the information of Grand Lodge a report in such a form as may from time to time be devised by the board of general purposes respecting the returns made by local boards of relief and by private lodges, and the applications for relief recommended by the same."

All of which is fraternally submitted.

OTTO KLOTZ,

*Chairman Sub-Committee on Benevolence.*

It was moved by R.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M.W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

*Resolved.*—That the Report of the Board on Benevolence be received and (subsequently) adopted.

#### REPORT ON SPECIAL GRANTS.

R.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, President of the Board, presented and read the following report on Special Grants:

##### REPORT:

The Board recommend that the resolution of Grand Lodge passed at its Annual Communication held in the City of London on the 14th and 15th days of July, A.D. 1875, and recorded in the Grand Lodge proceedings of that year in pages 130, 131 and 141, granting, until otherwise ordered by Grand Lodge, an annuity of \$300 to the widow of our deceased Grand Master Wilson, and a similar annuity to his eldest daughter, and a like annuity to the widow and daughters of our deceased Grand Secretary Harris, be and the same is hereby rescinded, to take effect on the first day of July next, but without prejudice to the right of the said ladies to apply in the usual form for a renewal of the said grants.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

OTTO KLOTZ,

*Chairman Sub-Committee on Benevolence.*

Subsequently it was moved by R.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M.W. Bro. Otto Klotz,

That the report of the Board on Special Grants be adopted.

In amendment, it was moved by M.W. Bro. Hy. Robertson, seconded by R.W. Bro. Rev. D. Armstrong,

That the report be withdrawn, and that a special committee be appointed by the Board to investigate the circumstances of each individual claimant referred to in the report.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared *Carried*.

### REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

#### REPORT :

In presenting a review of the reports of the various D.D.G.M's. of the seventeen districts under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, the Board are sensible of the important trust reposed in them. They have endeavored to present you with a true record of the position of affairs within your borders, and, where remedies are required, have made suggestions which they trust will be found practicable and beneficial.

Grand Lodge is to be congratulated in possessing District Masters who have, without exception, during the past year, industriously devoted their time and attention to the best interests of their respective districts. They seem to have been imbued with the same spirit, viz., to deal with the districts without fear, favor or affection; to honestly perform the duties laid down for their guidance by Grand Lodge; to bring their respective districts as near perfection as possible, and, finally, to give a fair and impartial account of their stewardship.

The reports are teeming with information, and will be of great benefit to the craft. It will be unnecessary to make invidious comparisons, as each brother will be sufficiently repaid by the conviction that he has done his duty, and his efforts are appreciated.

#### STATISTICAL INFORMATION.

The Board of 1889 prepared a form for statistical information to be supplied by the W.M. of each lodge to the D.D.G.M. of his district on which to base his report. This form was supplied to the W.M's. of each lodge by the Grand Secretary, but it is to be regretted that the majority of the Masters failed to supply the necessary information, in consequence of which several of the D.D.G.M's. were unable to give complete reports. Such neglect deserves censure, and the coming D.D.G.M's. are requested to bring such Masters to a proper sense of their duty. The Board can, however, congratulate North Huron, South Huron, Niagara, Toronto, Ontario and Frontenac districts on being able to present reports with tabulated statements attached. It is to be hoped that in future these statements will be attached to all reports.

The Board are, however, enabled to gather from the reports that the Grand Lodge enjoys continued prosperity. The membership has increased, and, with few exceptions, competent and efficient officers rule over the various lodges. For this state of affairs credit must be given not only to the M. W. the Grand Master and the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, who, during the past year, have again visited and instructed the Craft in various parts of the Province, but to the efforts put forth by the respective D.D.G.M's. to have Masonry respected and honored throughout the length and breadth of the land.

#### OFFICIAL VISITS.

The Board are now in a position to recognize the fact that the District Masters accepted office not alone for the title and honor attached thereto, but with the determination that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge should be observed in the matter of visiting lodges and encour-

aging proficiency and uniformity in the work. It appears that there are 351 lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge, in addition to three lodges working under dispensation. These lodges are subdivided into seventeen districts. In Districts Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 all the lodges were visited once. In Districts Nos. 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 16 and 17 a number of the lodges were visited twice. In Districts Nos. 7, 14 and 16 some of the lodges were visited three times. In District No. 3 there were 23 lodges visited out of 29, and in District No. 9, 18 lodges were visited out of 24. In no former year can such fidelity and devotion be found among the District Masters. Grand Lodge can readily see that only 12 lodges out of 354 were not visited.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Notwithstanding advice given in previous reports, Lodges of Instruction during the year have been held in only four Districts, viz: Erie No. 1, St. Clair No. 2, Wellington No. 7 and Toronto No. 11. As improvement and uniformity in work is clearly discernable where these lodges are held, the Board consider it of the greatest importance that at least one lodge of instruction should be held in each District during the coming year.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

The Board view with pleasure that dispensations have been issued in nearly every District to allow the Craft to attend divine service in Masonic clothing. It is a noticeable fact that in every District the festival of St. John is observed by the gathering together of the Craft for the worship and praise of God. May this time-honored custom be religiously observed throughout the whole jurisdiction.

#### BENEVOLENCE.

The reports shed no new light on this subject, except that the various D.D.G.M.'s have paid particular attention to the instruction of the brethren in the rules of regulation of Grand Lodge relating to this matter. Special reference is, however, due to Pnyx Lodge 312, Erie District, whose members, although lax in business methods in conducting their lodge, beautifully exemplify the fundamental principles of our Order by supporting several indigent brethren and adopting three orphan children of a deceased brother. May prosperity dawn on them, so that they may be enabled to carry on the good work.

Mention should also be made of Sussex No. 5 and Salem No. 368, in St. Lawrence District, in furnishing and taking charge of two rooms in the Brockville General Hospital to be used by sick and needy Masons.

#### LODGES THAT ARE RETROGRADING.

The Board have pointed out that although the Craft is prosperous and increasing in strength and importance, yet that weak lodges exist in nearly every District. Year after year they have recommended the nursing into strength of some of the lodges and the withdrawal of Charters in others. These recommendations have not been carried out, until now it has become necessary to face the stubborn facts. Lodges which grow weak through lack of energy, carelessness, or through internal dissensions should be closed up, as their very existence is a standing reproach to the Craft, in the community in which they exist. The importance and influence of Masonry is lessened in a neighborhood when you find a lodge suffering from either of the above complaints. The cause given for the weakness of one lodge is that political quarrels have been introduced within its portals, and in consequence it is a standing reproach to all respectable people. The members comprising this lodge have no conception of the object of Masonry, and in consequence we can afford to part with them.

The M. W. the Grand Master, has, however, put his hand to the plough, and as a result the District Masters have faithfully reported the condition of affairs in each District. It is to be hoped that proper and specific instructions will be given to the D.D.G.M.'s, so that they may be fully aware of the action which they are to take with regard to each lodge. The weak lodges are herein set out according to Districts.

Albion, No, 80, in Erie District.

Blenheim, 108, and Langton 335, in Wilson District.

Prince Arthur. 334, in Wellington District.

Dufferin, 338, and Welland, 36, in Niagara District.

Prince Arthur, 228, in Frontenac District.

Lansdowne, 387, and Rising Sun, 83, in St. Lawrence District.

It will be readily seen that there are nine weak lodges in the Province, and as Grand Lodge has special reports concerning same, the Grand Secretary should receive immediate instructions to take the necessary proceedings for the withdrawal of the warrants with reference to the following lodges, viz: Albion, 80, Langton, 335, and Prince Arthur, 228.

With reference to Brougham Union, 269, the Board recommend the removal of same to Claremont where the majority of the members reside. As to Patterson, 265, Grand Lodge should give expression to its displeasure on account of discourtesy to the D.D.G.M.

The brethren will bear in mind that counting the three lodges under the dispensation there are 354 lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge, so that the proportion of weak lodges is trifling. The zeal displayed by the D.D.G.M.'s convince your Board that by proper attention and care the remaining six lodges may be placed on a firm footing.

#### LODGES THAT ARE IMPROVING.

Marked and substantial improvements are noticed in several lodges formerly reported against, which fact is gratifying to the board and is a matter of congratulation to these D.D.G.M.'s., who by their advice, encouragement and assistance, have been enabled to produce such good results. The following are the lodges referred to :

McColl, 386. Parvaim, 395. Burns, 153, Cameron, 232. St. James, 73. Zurich, 224. Aldworth, 235. Old Light, 184. Clifford, 315. St. Albans, 260. St. Andrews, 62. Seven Star, 285. King Solomon, 22. Richardson, 136. River Park, 356. Mount Zion, 39. Friendly Brothers, 143, and Renfrew, 172.

#### NEW LODGES.

The board are pleased with the flattering reports on the lodges working under dispensation at Port Lambton, Sundridge and Pickering. Great care, however, should be exercised in the opening of new lodges. Not only the immediate necessity for one should exist, but the future prospects of some in the vicinity should be taken into consideration. "Too many lodges in the vicinity," is the cause assigned by numerous lodges for their weak condition. In one district it will be noticed that there are three lodges not more than 3 miles apart. Care could not have been exercised by the D.D.G.M.'s. who recommended the above lodges to the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

#### COLLECTION OF DUES.

The board cannot congratulate the Grand Lodge on any improvement in this question. Outstanding dues in lodges vary from \$12 to \$759. It is annoying to see intelligent men conduct the affairs of their lodges in this suicidal manner. Bankruptcy stares them in the face. The means are at hand to give relief, and thereby enjoy prosperity, but so indifferent have they become that they made no exertion to save themselves

from utter ruin. Every district under the sway of the Grand Lodge is groaning under this evil. The D.D.G.M's have faithfully reported all cases. They have given sound, sensible, business-like advice on the matter, and where this advice has been followed prosperity has ensued, but in the majority of cases this advice has been disregarded. The outstanding dues have grown to such magnitude that collection is impossible, and in such cases recommendations are received from some of the D.D.G.M's to remit the dues rather than have a still greater increase of the same. Other D.D.G.M's have formed committees to take charge of the collections, and the result has been satisfactory.

The board are still of the opinion that the true remedy consists in the W.M. supervising the work of his Secretary in seeing that the dues are collected promptly and while the amounts are small, and failing these methods, to remove the "barnacles" from the lodges; careful and judicious pruning will always strengthen, while dead limbs and branches mar and destroy. The board can see no other remedy than the above, unless it is deemed desirable to place the initiation fee at such a figure that payment of dues will be unnecessary, which course we cordially recommend Grand Lodge to adopt. The question embraces so many elements that, without knowing the bent of men's minds in becoming members, and the reason for future indifference, it is impossible to suggest a remedy that will meet all cases. The matter can properly and safely be discussed with the question of non-attendance and demits.

Before leaving this question the board submit figures showing the total number of suspensions for non-payment of dues for the last six years, after deducting therefrom the number of those who were restored to good standing and membership, as it is advisable that Grand Lodge should be apprised of the true condition of affairs. 439 were suspended in 1883; 339 in 1884; 476 in 1885; 164 in 1886; 402 in 1887; 452 in 1888; and 549 in 1889, making loss to Grand Lodge of 2,821 members in six years.

#### WORK.

With the exception of two districts, there is a decided improvement in the style of work presented by the W.M's. and officers; this is a matter of congratulation. In a few cases the W.M's. are found who cannot confer the degrees, and in consequence have to depend on the Past Masters, while in other cases only one or two degrees can be worked.

The board would point out for the guidance of D.D.G.M's that competency is not to be judged by opening and closing in the three degrees, but by a careful test of the W.M's. knowledge of the whole work.

The board would suggest to Grand Lodge the advisability of passing a resolution making it compulsory for W.M's. elect to obtain before installation certificates of competency from the D.D.G.M of the district, and to make D.D.G.M's responsible when an incompetent Master is found in possession of such a certificate.

#### ATTENDANCE AT LODGE MEETINGS.

Although general improvement in attendance at lodge meetings continues, still there is great room for improvement. The Board are pleased with the efforts put forth by Wilson, Toronto, and St. Lawrence Districts in remedying this evil. The suggestion made last year by the Board has been adopted with gratifying results. In above Districts brethren have been found who are willing to devote their time in the preparation and delivery of lectures on subjects interesting to lovers of the Order. May this good work spread from district to district until

the members are thoroughly educated in the mission of Freemasonry, and thereby arouse such an awakening that the cry of slim attendance and suspension for the non-payment of dues may no longer be heard in the jurisdiction. That dreaded disease, La Grippe, has to bear the blame for slim attendance in one district, while in St. Lawrence District some of the lodges have been indulging in a Rip Van Winkle nap until awakened by the D.D.G.M., who found therein such an accumulation of dust and dirt that it is evident regular meetings had not been in order. He also found that the meetings of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, are held in the garret of an hotel at Farmersville. The D.D.G.M. must insist on the lodge obtaining another meeting place at once, or in the alternative to surrender its charter. To allow this state of affairs to exist will not reflect credit on the Craft. The lodge is behind the times. The members are without energy, and while the dues are only \$1.50 a year, still the amount in arrear is \$175. A different state of affairs could not have been expected, as several lodges in the district have not been visited by a District Master for six or seven years. In North Huron District is also to be found a lodge which has not been visited for six years, owing to the absence of a quorum. What remedy can be suggested to work an improvement in the attendance at lodge meetings? Something must be suggested by reason of which a greater interest in the Order will be taken by members. The Board are of the opinion that this can be accomplished by the exercise of due care in the selection of material for membership, by making lodge rooms comfortable and attractive, by the selection of intelligent and competent brethren to preside over the meetings, who are not only correct and impressive workers of the ceremonies but who have properly qualified themselves as teachers, so as to impart light, knowledge and instruction, whereby the members may know something of the aims and objects of Freemasonry, the history and literature of the Order, the duties required of them as Masons, citizens and heads of families, and above all others the duty they owe to their God. Masons should also have impressed on them that "they are to practice out of the lodge those excellent principles which are ever inculcated in it," and to carry their Masonic principles into their home lives and business pursuits. If these principles are respected and lived up to, then no complaints will be heard of weak lodges, of suspension for non-payment of dues, or non-attendance of members at lodge meetings.

#### HARMONY IN THE LODGE.

With the few exceptions reported under the heading, "Lodges that are retrograding," peace, prosperity, and harmony exist among the lodges.

#### INSURANCE.

It is with regret that the Board notice the number of lodge rooms destroyed by fire during the past year, as well as the culpable neglect in not having them insured, thereby causing a severe financial blow to lodges from which they may never recover. Grand Lodge has repeatedly refused to grant aid in such cases, and it is to be hoped that this may prove a timely warning to the various lodges in the jurisdiction.

#### OBSERVANCE OF RULES OF GRAND LODGE.

The Board cannot help noticing the carelessness and neglect of W. M.'s and Secretaries throughout the jurisdiction in answering the communications sent by the D.D.G.M.'s, and in forwarding to D.D.G.M.'s all notices of meetings, as well as copies of the by-laws of each lodge. This is a clear neglect of duty, and perseverance in same should be followed by punishment.

It is also to be regretted that the majority of the W.M.'s neglect, either intentionally or through ignorance, to have read in open lodge the constitution of Grand Lodge and the by-laws of their respective lodges. It is advisable that the D.D.G.M.'s should draw the attention of the various W.M.'s to the requirements of the constitution in this respect. The attention of Grand Lodge is called to the fact that Maxville Lodge, No. 418, St. Lawrence District, has neglected to procure Grand Lodge certificates for its members.

#### EXPENSES OF D.D.G.M.'S.

The Board gather from several of the reports that the majority of lodges have given general satisfaction in the payment of the expenses of the D.D.G.M.'s.

#### THE OLDEST SECRETARY.

On reading over the reports it appears that a friendly rivalry has sprung up among the various districts as to the possession of the Secretary who has continually remained in office for the greatest number of years. The Board give the result of the review as follows:

Bro. William Ewart, St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Wilson District—Secretary for nineteen years.

Bro. George Keyes, Colborne Lodge, No. 91, Prince Edward District—Secretary for twenty-one years.

Bro. M. D. Dawson, St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London District—Secretary for twenty-six years.

Bro. S. Moag, St. Francis' Lodge, No. 24, St. Lawrence District—Secretary for thirty years.

#### FRATERNAL VISITS.

In addition to the official visits made by the M.W. the Grand Master and the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master throughout the various Districts, Toronto District No. 11 has been honored by visits from two important personages, viz., M.W. Bro. Canon O'Meara, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, who preached to the Toronto brethren in All Saints' Church on the 19th day of January last, and on the 21st of January delivered a lecture in Wilson Lodge room, No. 86, to a large gathering of the Craft.

On the 30th of May last the Craft in Toronto, under the auspices of Ionic Lodge No. 25, entertained R. W. Bro. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and District Grand Master of Bombay. The royal brother was welcomed by about 700 members of the Craft, who had assembled to do him honor, as well as to express their loyalty to Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, and their love and esteem for His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. The R. W. Bro. won golden opinions and the hearts of all present by his manly and touching reply. The occasion will be long remembered as a red letter day in the annals of Freemasonry in this Province.

#### THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The Board are again required to call the roll and record the absence of those whose chairs will be hereafter vacant and whose warm grasp of the hand and kindly greeting will now be sadly missed.

It will be so to the end of the chapter. At every meeting of the Grand Lodge we will notice the breaks in our ranks and miss the friends of a year ago, while new friends will be called upon to fill up the gaps and preserve an unbroken line.

“ As life runs on the roads grow strange  
 With faces new and near the end,  
 The mile-stones into head-stones change  
 'Neath every one a friend.”

It is a mournful subject to dwell upon.

Since our last meeting many homes have become desolate by the death of some relation. No home can escape the ravages of death. Aching hearts have been left for us to heal, widows and orphans have been left to our care. Some brother may have found relief and happiness in his dying moments by the thought that his widow and children would be taken care of and protected from want and harm. Brethren ! see that we betray not the sacred trust ; let us give that widow and these children cause to thank God that the husband and father was a Freemason.

Grand Lodge had barely closed its labors last year when we were called upon to mourn the loss of one of its brightest minds, viz :

R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, P.G.S.W., Judge of the County Court of the County of Grey. At the time of his death he occupied the position of Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, and Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence in Grand Lodge. He was also representative at this Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodges of Uruguay, and of the State of Maryland. He was gifted with a practical judicial mind, and in the debates and deliberations of Grand Lodge his counsel was invaluable.

The Board are also called upon to record the following deaths : R. W. Bro. John Dale, P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. John Milne, P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. D. McG. Malloch, P.G.R., W. Bros. Hunter, W. G. Van-staden, and J. W. Ford.

On the death of R. W. Bro. Malloch, the D.D.G.M. writes as follows : “ I have no hesitation in saying that this brother spent more time, money and talent in the cause of Masonry than any other brother in the District. He was a model Mason, and a model man, and died, I believe, without an enemy in the world. Long will he be missed by all who had the honor of his acquaintance.”

We mourn the loss of our brethren and express our sympathy to their afflicted families and friends, and recommend that their names be inscribed on the mourning page of our proceedings.

May God grant that they have responded to the summons, “ Come up higher,” that their lives and labors may remain green in our memory, and that when our time comes to pass away we may be admitted to the Celestial Lodge on high to enjoy a union with the souls of our departed brethren.

“ An' lo ! they have passed from our yearning hearts ;  
 They cross the stream and are gone for aye.  
 We may not sunder the veil apart  
 That hides from our view the gate of day.  
 We only know that their barks no more  
 May sail with us o'er life's stormy sea ;  
 Yet somewhere, I know, on the unseen shore  
 They watch and becken and wait for me.”

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE.

*Chairman of Sub. Committee.*

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

*Resolved*,—That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and (subsequently) adopted.

## REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

## REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes respectfully report as follows:—

The District Deputy Grand Master of the Toronto district has submitted the following questions for the consideration of the board.

1. On the installation of a W.M. elect, in answer to the question by the installing officer: "Brethren, are you still satisfied with your choice of W.M. of your lodge?" a brother objected. The installing officer postponed the ceremony and wrote to the D.D.G.M., asking "whether a majority of the brethren replying in the affirmative is meant, or whether an entire unanimity must prevail."

2. On the night of the election of the W.M., the ballot papers, instead of being destroyed immediately after the election was declared, were sealed up and kept, and it was proposed to have them re-examined after objection to the installation was made by the brother.

3. Is it legal for a lodge to call off for refreshments during the evening, and resume labor and transact business after twelve o'clock?

## ANSWERS.

To question 1. In the case put, upon the objection of the brother, the installing officer should take a vote of the lodge, and if the members by a majority vote adhere to their choice of W.M., then the installing officer should proceed with the ceremony of installation. On the other hand, if the members by a majority vote declare they do not adhere to their choice, then the installing officer cannot proceed.

To question 2. The ballot papers should be immediately destroyed after the election is declared.

To question 3. Yes.

The rulings of the D.D.G.M., being in accordance with the above, are approved of.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN CREASOR,  
*Chairman of Sub-Committee.*

It was moved by R.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R.W. Bro. John Creasor, and

*Resolved.*—That the Report of the Board on Jurisprudence be received and (subsequently) adopted.

## REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

## REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes have had before them the following cases of grievances and appeals, all of which have duly been considered, and the conclusions arrived at are embodied in the report, in detail, upon each case, as follows:

(1) *In the matter of W. Bro. Jno. M. Cooke, W.M., Lodge 236, and Lorne Lodge, No. 377.*

W. Bro. Cooke complains of the action of Lorne Lodge, No. 377, in having invaded the jurisdiction of Farran's Point Lodge, No. 236, by having initiated Bro. W. J. Dégeer, a resident of Farrans Point, and who had already been balloted for and rejected in Farrans Point Lodge.

The evidence before the Board is of a very unsatisfactory character and the Board recommend that the matter be referred to the D.D.G.M.'s of Districts No. 9 and No. 15 for investigation and report, and that in the meantime Lorne Lodge, No. 377, be notified not to confer the 3rd Degree upon Bro. Degeer.

(2) *In the matter of W. Bro. Thomson, Lodge 195, vs. Bro. L. McDonald.*

Bro. L. McDonald is charged with un-Masonic conduct in having stolen goods in his possession, he knowing them to have been stolen. It was shown that Bro. McDonald had been tried by the Civil Courts on this charge and convicted; but, inasmuch as he had, so far as possible, restored the stolen property, he had been sentenced to only "30 days in goal." The Board recommend that Bro. McDonald be summoned to show cause at the next regular communication of Grand Lodge, why he should not be expelled from the Craft.

(3) *In the matter of Orient Lodge, No. 339, vs. Bro. Henry Parry.*

Bro. Parry is charged with un-Masonic conduct in having committed adultery with the widow of a deceased brother. The charge having been sustained by ample evidence, Bro. Parry was suspended by his lodge and recommended to Grand Lodge for expulsion. The Board recommend that the action of the Lodge, No. 339, be confirmed, and that Bro. Parry be summoned to show cause at the next regular communication of Grand Lodge, why he should not be expelled from the Craft.

(4) *In the matter of Bro. Wm. Scarrow vs. St. John's Lodge, No. 209 a.*

Bro. Scarrow complains of the action of Lodge 209a, in having, as he alleges, made an illegal grant of money from the funds of the lodge. The Board recommend that the matter be referred to the D.D.G.M. of Masonic District, No. 3, for investigation, and report to the Grand Master.

(5) *In the matter of Pynx Lodge No. 312, vs. Bro. Lester Judson.*

Bro. Lester Judson is charged by Pynx Lodge, 312, with un-Masonic conduct, in having, as it is alleged, been guilty of habitual drunkenness and meeting and associating with clandestine Masons. There being no evidence whatever before the Board, (not even the seal of the lodge attached to their charge), they recommend that the matter be referred back to the lodge, No. 312, for information.

(6) *In the matter of Bro. J. W. Hendry vs. Lodge No. 210.*

Bro. Hendry complains that he was improperly and unjustly suspended by St. John's Lodge, No. 210, Hawkesbury (now defunct), and asks to be restored to good standing, and to have a certificate of standing granted to him. The Board recommend that the prayer of Bro. Hendry's petition be granted; that he be restored to good standing by Grand Lodge and receive a certificate of standing.

(7) *In the matter of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, vs. Bro. Harry Watts.*

Bro. Watts is charged with un-Masonic conduct, in having deserted his wife and family, leaving them in destitute circumstances, and eloping with his wife's sister. Bro. Watts has been suspended by his lodge and recommended to Grand Lodge for expulsion.

The board recommend that the suspension of Bro. Watts, by Prince of Wales Lodge, be confirmed, and that he be summoned to show cause, at the next regular communication of Grand Lodge, why he should not be expelled from the craft.

(8) *In the matter of Pynx Lodge, No. 312, vs. Moore Lodge, No. 294.*

Pynx Lodge, No. 312, charges Moore Lodge, No. 294, with frequent invasions of jurisdiction, and asks, "that said Moore Lodge be put upon trial therefor, and dealt with 'according to Masonic law and usage.'"

The Board recommend that the matter be referred to the D.D.G.M.s of Districts No. 1 and No. 2, to investigate and report.

(9) *In the matter of Cassia Lodge, No. 116, and Bro. Parsons.*

This matter was before the Board at the last regular communication of Grand Lodge (see G.L.P., 1889, page 161), and was referred back to the lodge with instructions to charge and try Bro. Parsons in accordance with Masonic law. The lodge has carried out the instructions of Grand Lodge—has tried Bro. Parsons, found him guilty, suspended him and recommended him to Grand Lodge for expulsion.

The Board recommend that Bro. Parsons be summoned to show cause, at next regular communication of Grand Lodge, why he should not be expelled from the craft.

(10) *In the matter of the complaint of Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, vs. Patterson Lodge, No. 265.*

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, complains of an infringement of her jurisdiction by Patterson Lodge, No. 265, in having initiated Bros. A. A. Knox and Jas. W. Burns, two residents of Toronto, and therefore within the jurisdiction of Ashlar Lodge.

After a careful examination of all the evidence before them, and having heard both the M.W. the Grand Master and the D.D.G.M. of Masonic Dist., No 11, the Board recommend that, the Grand Master having suspended Bro. J. E. Knox from his position as W.M. of Patterson Lodge, No. 265, until this meeting of Grand Lodge, said suspension be continued till the 1st day of June, 1891, and until he has paid to the Treasurer of Patterson Lodge the sum of twenty dollars, being the sum sent to the Grand Secretary out of funds of Patterson Lodge, to pay for a dispensation to initiate Bros. A. A. Knox and Burns, and which they (the candidates) should have paid, as provided by the constitution.

(11) *In the matter of Hiram Lodge, No 342, vs. Elysian Lodge, No. 212.*

Hiram Lodge, No. 342, complains that Elysian Lodge, No. 212, has invaded the jurisdiction of said Hiram Lodge, in having initiated one John Watts, who was, at the time, a resident of Wolfe Island, and in the jurisdiction of Hiram Lodge. Elysian Lodge claims that Bro. Watts was, at the time of his initiation, employed and constantly worked on Garden Island, and in the jurisdiction of Elysian Lodge. The Board find that Bro. Watts' family resided in the jurisdiction of Hiram Lodge, and that must be considered as his residence or domicile, and therefore recommend that Elysian Lodge be directed to pay over to Hiram Lodge one half of the amount received as Bro. Watts' initiation fee, and that the attention of both these lodges be drawn to the provisions of the constitution in regard to the territorial jurisdiction of lodges, as both lodges appear to have been acting under a misapprehension as to the extent of their territory, thus unconsciously invading each other's jurisdiction.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

L. H. HENDERSON,  
*Chairman of Sub-Committee.*

It was moved by R.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R.W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, and

*Resolved.*—That the Report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and (subsequently) adopted.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

*Resolved*.—That the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and printed as an Appendix to the Proceedings.

## ELECTIONS IN PRIVATE LODGES.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication, it was moved by R. W. Bro. T. Sargent, seconded by R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, and

*Resolved*.—That Clause 121 of the Book of Constitution be amended by inserting after the word "elect" the words "by a majority of all the members present in the lodge."

## RULE RESPECTING NOTICES OF MOTION.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication, it was moved by R. W. Bro. T. Sargent, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. H. Martyn, and

*Resolved*.—That Clause 44 of the Book of Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following words: "or shall have been sent to the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of December preceding the Communication of Grand Lodge."

## RULE AS TO VOTING AT ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication, it was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, seconded by R. W. Bro. David Barr, and

*Resolved*.—That Clause 121 of the Book of Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following words: "Should the Lodge desire to do so, it may by By-law provide that no member shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Election of Officers who is twelve months in arrears of Lodge dues."

PROPOSAL TO AMEND CONSTITUTION.—(*Lost*.)

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication, it was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. D. Armstrong,

*Resolved*.—That Clause 226 of the Book of Constitution be amended by striking out the words "black balls" in the third and seventh lines, and inserting instead the words "adverse votes" and that the following words be added to the Clause: "The method of balloting shall be fixed by the By-laws of the Lodge."

The resolution was put to Grand Lodge, and declared *lost*.

## REFERRED TO BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. John Creasor, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Sargent, and

*Resolved*.—That the following notices of motion be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report next year:

By W. Bro. James Whitten,—That Districts Nos. 9 and 16 be divided by detaching all that portion of No. 9 lying North of Severn Bridge, and all that portion of No. 16 lying west of the eastern boundary of Mattawa Lodge No. 405, and that a new district be formed out of these portions.

By W. Bro. D. T. Hind,—That Enniskillen Lodge No. 185, York, be transferred from the Niagara District, No. 10, to the Hamilton District, No. 8.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again on Thursday, the 17th July, at 10 o'clock, forenoon.

THURSDAY, 17th July, A.D. 1890.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 10.30 a.m.

*Present*—M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q. C., Grand Master, on the throne; Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

## CREDENTIALS ON REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, presented and read the following

## REPORT :

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives to this Grand Lodge beg to report that there are 354 lodges on the Grand Register ; 157 lodges are represented by their duly qualified officers ; 113 are represented by proxy ; and 84 lodges are unrepresented for the purposes of voting. There are 542 names registered, having a total vote of 1118.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

R. B. HUNGERFORD, }  
J. A. WILLS, } Committee.  
F. WELCH, }

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. A. Wills, and

*Resolved*,—That the Supplementary Report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies be received and adopted.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers and elective members of the board of General Purposes, viz : W. Bros. W. H. Tait, A. Patterson, Warren Totten, R. L. Patterson, W. Smeaton, L. Slater, B. Paine, J. Wilson, J. F. Matthews, J. E. Pointer, W. Machee, and W. F. Boardman.

The Scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected office bearers for the ensuing term, viz :—

M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson.....Toronto.....Grand Master.  
R.W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson.....Hamilton.....Deputy Grand Master.  
R.W. Bro. John Kinghorn.....Kingston.....Grand Senior Warden.  
R.W. Bro. G. C. Davis.....London.....Grand Junior Warden.  
R.W. Bro. Rev. R. J. Craig.....Deseronto.....Grand Chaplain.  
R.W. Bro. E. Mitchell.....Hamilton.....Grand Treasurer.  
R.W. Bro. J. Craig Boyd.....Simcoe.....Grand Registrar.  
R.W. Bro. J. J. Mason.....Hamilton.....Grand Secretary.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge,  
Bro. J. H. Pritchard, Toronto, Grand Tyler.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective districts, and were approved by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz :—

R.W. Bro. James Birch .....	Chatham.....	Erie	District No. 1
R.W. Bro. J. P. Whitehead.....	Strathroy.....	St. Clair	" 2
R.W. Bro. A. B. Munson.....	London.....	London	" 3
R.W. Bro. Wm. White .....	Mitchell .....	South Huron	" 4
R.W. Bro. W. R. Telford.....	Walkerton.....	North Huron	" 5
R.W. Bro. D. H. Hunter.....	Woodstock.....	Wilson	" 6
R.W. Bro. J. C. Fox .....	Orangeville.....	Wellington	" 7
R.W. Bro. C. W. Mulligan.....	Hamilton.....	Hamilton	" 8
R.W. Bro. D. F. MacWatt.....	Barrie .....	Georgian	" 9
R.W. Bro. Alfred B. Hurrell.....	Amigari.....	Niagara	" 10
R.W. Bro. Geo. J. Bennett.....	Toronto.....	Toronto	" 11
R.W. Bro. Wm. Miller.....	Omeme.....	Ontario	" 12
R.W. Bro. P. J. Lightburne.....	Cobourg.....	Prince Edward	" 13
R.W. Bro. J. R. Dargavel.....	Elgin.....	Frontenac	" 14
R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson.....	Brockville.....	St. Lawrence	" 15
R.W. Bro. John H. Bothwell.....	Lanark.....	Ottawa	" 16
R.W. Bro. J. A. Fraser.....	Port Arthur.....	Algoma	" 17

## BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz :—

R.W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford.....	London.
R.W. Bro. E. T. Malone.....	Toronto.
R.W. Bro. J. C. Hegler.....	Ingersoll.
R.W. Bro. T. Sargant.....	Toronto.
R.W. Bro. D. H. Martyn.....	Kincardine.

Subsequently, the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments as members of the board of General Purposes for the ensuing year, viz :—

R.W. Bro. John S. Dewar.....	London.
R.W. Bro. William Gibson.....	Beamsville.
R.W. Bro. W. R. White.....	Pembroke.
V.W. Bro. R. McKnight.....	Owen Sound.
R.W. Bro. A. McGinnis.....	Belleville

## NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

On motion, it was resolved that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Toronto.

## CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS.

The following telegram from the Lodge of Antiquity, Montreal, was read :

Montreal, July 17th, 1890,

The Lodge of Antiquity sends hearty salutations to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and congratulates the Grand Master on his safe return.

W. N. KING, W. M.

The following reply was sent :

Kingston, 17th July, 1890.

The Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Master have received with much pleasure the fraternal message of the Lodge of Antiquity, and thank that lodge for its good wishes.

RICHARD T. WALKEM, *Grand Master*.

W. N. King, W.M. of Lodge of Antiquity, Montreal.

## REPORT ON ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, on behalf of the board, presented and read the following

## REPORT :

The Board, with gratification, accept the annual message of the M. W. the Grand Master, conveying as it does to the Craft at large an honest exposition on subjects connected with the Craft life, with suggestions and advice that must be recognized as kindly and judicious.

That the address is the work of one whose sincerity of purpose and desire to act on the lines of justice and equity with the craftsmen of the jurisdiction, must be manifest to all who read it.

The Board are pleased that the annual reunion of the Craft is this year at the home of our esteemed Grand Master, and on the historic ground where, over a century ago, the flag of our country unfurled over buttressed battlement guarded by the hardy pioneers, many of whom were Craftsmen, in opening up the broad and teeming acres of the great West to civilization and commerce. The Board in this connection are reminded that upon the pages of early Masonic history in this Province may be found the records of a Craft lodge within the walls of old Fort

Frontenac, where our rites were exemplified, and a pulse-beat created that to-day is felt in every part of this extensive and prosperous jurisdiction. And should our hearts not bear grateful memory for those who tilled our fields and toiled in the work, who, when clouds were darkening, carried the banner to success, and within sight and sound of this very Grand East established the Grand Masonic Convention, which we hail as the Mother Lodge from which symbolic Masonry received the breath of life in this jurisdiction.

The Board are sensible that the thoughts of the Grand Master conveyed to the Craft at the Annual Communication, have the effect of placing the supreme ruler of the Craft in touch with a constituency that is ever loyal and true to constituted authority. Words of counsel given by those who can speak from experience, whose service has not been of the lip, but of the heart, should give an inspiration to all who are listless in the work, and reinforce with strength those who, marching in the front rank, are clearing the way for the Craft advance.

The Board join with your Grand Master in his sorrow for those faithful ones who have gone to the other life. Year after year the shadows are darkening around some home, and those whose welcome was so cheerful and so happy are now beyond our greeting. May we be ever ready for our call.

The Board acknowledge the zeal of the Grand Master in his journeyings to the centres of the jurisdiction. Such visits are profitable to the lodges, enhearten the brethren, and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that should exist between the Craft at large and those who guide the executive work.

The Board rejoice that the Grand Master found such a wealth of welcome in the Craftsmen of the Grand Lodge of England, an institution that all the world over has earned the esteem and respect of not only the fraternity in English-speaking lands, but wherever the footprints of our Craft are to be found.

The Board agree with your Grand Master in his views on the formation of new lodges. The undue multiplication of lodges is to be avoided. Your Board read with more than ordinary delight the remarks of the Grand Master on the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters. Such faithful Craftsmen deserve the thanks, good will and support of the membership.

The Board feel that while coinciding with the opinion of the Grand Master regarding weak lodges, that every possible effort should be made to revive the work in such localities before the usual procedure is followed necessary to the withdrawal of the warrant.

The Board are encouraged by the announcement that new lodge rooms and buildings are being erected for Craft purposes in different parts of the jurisdiction, and in this relation the invitations to lay the corner stones of public edifices, show that the hand of the Craft is recognized as an influence for good.

The Board advise that in order that the ceremonies of Grand Lodge may be performed with impressiveness, the necessary furniture and appointments be provided, and in this connection the Board concur with the Grand Master in his suggestions.

The Board urge that in the matter of insurance of lodge property, more attention be paid. This remissness has during the past year caused much loss, and the suggestion that all lodges provide by by-law for protection should be followed out.

The Board are assured that the decisions of the Grand Master have been given in the spirit of the strictest justice, and feel satisfied that even those disciplined will admit that law and order must prevail, if

we desire to keep the respect of not only our membership, but of those without our circle.

The Board can readily understand the difficulties created by the Masters of lodges and others directing correspondence through other than the constituted channels. All correspondence must pass through the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master or the Grand Secretary. This course is necessary as a matter of record, and by following it confusion is prevented and promptitude in reply secured.

The Board regret that more lodges of instruction have not been held during the year. The advantages of such meetings must be obvious to those who are directly interested in the work.

The Board approve of the suggestion of the Grand Master with regard to the compilation of by-laws for subordinate lodges, and also recommend that every W.M. should make himself thoroughly conversant with the constitution and thus avoid the difficulties referred to in the modelling of by-laws.

The Board emphasize the remarks of the Grand Master with regard to the granting of relief. It is impossible that the funds of Grand Lodge can be well administered if rules provided are neglected. It is regrettable that lodges show such indifference to the regulations laid down. Every case of relief should be accurately examined. Aiding the unworthy is an injustice to those who are the legitimate wards of the Craft.

The Board are gratified that H. R. H. R. W. Bro. the Duke of Connaught should have had such a royal reception at the hands of the Craft in Toronto.

The Board believe with the Grand Master that the report on Foreign Correspondence is an important and useful addendum to our proceedings.

The Board endorse the action of the Grand Master in the selection made for Grand Representatives, and also read with satisfaction that the executive and other officers of Grand Lodge have been assiduous in the discharge of their duties.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,

*Chairman of Sub. Committee on Grand Master's Address.*

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

*Resolved*,—That the Report of the Board on the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master be received and adopted.

#### DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

R. W. Bro. W. G. Bell, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Manitoba, was announced, introduced, and welcomed with Grand Honors.

#### BUSINESS IN THIRD DEGREE.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication, it was moved by W. Bro. C. C. Robinson, seconded by Bro. W. B. Cuthbert,

That hereafter all business, except initiating and passing, be transacted in Warranted Lodges in the Third Degree, and that a clause to this effect be added to the constitution. Also, that anything in the constitution or regulations inconsistent with this resolution be, and the same is hereby repealed.

It was moved in amendment by V. W. Bro. R. McKnight, seconded by W. Bro. Warren Totten,

That the sub-committee of the Board of General Purposes on Jurisprudence investigate and report at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge what changes will

be necessary in the constitution and work, in the event of the business and work in our lodges being changed from the first to the third degree.

• The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared *carried*.

### GOLD JEWELS.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication, it was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding,

That Clause 255 of the Book of Constitution be amended by adding next after the words "all the above jewels are to be made of silver," the words "provided, however, that all the lodges in the jurisdiction that took part in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Canada as well as the lodges that already enjoy the privilege, shall be permitted to wear on their regalia gold jewels and gold trimmings."

The resolution was put to Grand Lodge and declared *lost*.

### MODE OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication, it was moved by V. W. Bro. F. Manley, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Sargent, and

*Resolved*,—That clause 3 of the Book of Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following words: "The manner of conducting an election of the members of the board of General Purposes shall be as follows: The Committee on Credentials of Representatives shall prepare a list of the names of delegates to Grand Lodge, together with the number of votes each delegate is entitled to cast. The Grand Secretary or one of the committee on Credentials shall call in rotation the names of the brethren entitled to vote, when each shall hand his ballot to one of the Grand Stewards to deposit it in one or more ballot boxes provided for that purpose. No brother shall be permitted to deposit more than one ballot."

### EXPENSES OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication, it was moved by V. W. Bro. F. Manley, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Sargent,

That clause 178 of the Book of Constitution be amended by striking out the words "and each private lodge shall defray the travelling expenses of the District Deputy Grand Master, to the extent of at least one visit in each year," and by inserting instead the words "the sum of four dollars shall be paid out of the funds of Grand Lodge to the District Deputy Grand Master of each district for each official visit made by him to the lodges in his jurisdiction, to the extent of at least one visit to each lodge in each year."

The resolution was put to Grand Lodge and declared *lost*.

### COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. T. Sargent, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

*Resolved*,—That the board of General Purposes are hereby instructed to appoint amongst the other sub-committees, a committee on Constitution and Laws to whom shall be referred all proposed amendments to the Constitution received by the Grand Secretary.

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, assisted by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected Officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

### APPOINTED OFFICERS.

At a subsequent date the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz:—

V. W. Bro. Robert Oliver.....	Toronto.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. J. C. Kearns.....	Ottawa.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. Robert E. Fletcher.....	Barrie.....	Grand Sup't of Works.

V.W. Bro. D. T. Hind .....	Jarvis. ....	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V.W. Bro. Thomas McCallum .....	Hamilton. ....	Assistant Grand Secretary.
V.W. Bro. A. G. Horwood.....	Toronto.....	Assist. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Joseph E. Peers .....	Chatham .....	Grand Sword Bearer.
V.W. Bro. Cyrus Hacking.....	Listowel. ....	Grand Organist.
V.W. Bro. E. Burke .....	London.....	Assistant Grand Organist.
V.W. Bro. J. K. Brydon.....	Rat Portage.....	Grand Pursuivant.
V.W. Bro. John McDonald.....	Tilsonburg.....	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. M. Eacrett.....	Exeter .....	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. W. Abernethy.....	Mooretown .....	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. Robert Klock.....	Mattawa.....	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. W. T. Toner.....	Collingwood.....	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. A. Shaw.....	Kingston.....	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. John D. Graham.....	Lindsay.....	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. O. Bascom.....	Kemptville .....	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. A. McKechnie.....	Brampton.....	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. C. F. Harris .....	Walkerton .....	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. J. E. Johnston.....	Port Arthur.....	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. Thomas S. Petrie.....	Guelph.....	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. A. J. Van Ingen.....	Cobourg.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
V.W. Bro. R. Cuthbert.....	Toronto.....	Grand Standard Bearer.

### TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. WALKEM.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, and

*Resolved*,—That a committee be appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, in recognition of the satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of his high and responsible office during the past two years.

Whereupon the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint as the committee, M. W. Bro. Spry (chairman), M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson.

### VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, and

*Resolved*,—That the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge are due, and are heartily tendered to the committee of Management of the Kingston Lodges for the satisfactory arrangement made for the holding of the present Annual Communication.

### NOTICES OF MOTION FOR NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

#### 1. By V. W. Bro. J. Parker Thomas :

That the City of Toronto shall be the permanent place of meeting and holding the Communications of this Grand Lodge.

#### 2. By V. W. Bro. J. Parker Thomas :

That Clause No. 136 of the Book of Constitution be amended by inserting after the word "twenty," in the second line of clause 136, the word "five," so that the clause, as amended, will read "twenty-five" instead of "twenty."

3. By V. W. Bro. J. Parker Thomas, there being an apparent conflict between the form of petition given in Clause 218 and Clause 229, and in order to remove same :

That the Book of Constitution, Clause 229, be amended by adding to said Clause the words : "Nor shall any petition be received from any such rejected candidate bearing "date within twelve months after the date of such rejection; and in case any candidate "is rejected, either by unfavorable report or adverse ballot, it shall be the duty of the "Secretary to give immediate notice by letters with the seal of the lodge stamped "thereon, post paid, addressed to the Grand Secretary, the District Deputy Grand "Master of the District, and the Masters of all lodges having concurrent jurisdiction "with the lodge rejecting such candidate, and that the said officers receiving such "notices shall keep a register of same, with dates and particulars, similar to accepted "candidates."

#### 4. By W. Bro. Malcolm Gibbs :

That the use of spirituous liquors as a beverage be discontinued at all refreshment tables in connection with Masonic Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

## THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 5 o'clock p.m., in *ample form*.

ATTEST.



*J. J. Maxon*

*Grand Secretary.*

## GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENTS.

*The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in account with E. MITCHELL, Grand Treasurer.*

### RECEIPTS.

1889.			
May	31—	By balance as per Balance Sheet.....	\$56,686 86
July	24—	“ Grand Secretary.....	6,000 00
Nov.	30—	“ “ Interest on Bank Account.....	104 10
1890.			
Jan.	23—	“ “ “.....	3,889 00
April	29—	“ “ “.....	6,000 00
May	31—	“ “ “.....	2,007 90
“	31—	“ “ Interest on Bank Account.....	74 69
			\$74,762 55

### DISBURSEMENTS.

1889.			
June	27—	Paid Grand Treasurer's salary to 30th June.....\$	50 00
July	3—	“ Grand Master, half-yearly grant for expenses.....	250 00
“	3—	“ Grand Secretary's salary to 3 <sup>rd</sup> June.....	400 00
“	3—	“ Assistant to Grand Secretary to 30th June.....	200 00
“	3—	“ Masonic Hall Association, rent to 30th June.....	43 75
“	25—	“ Grand Secretary, sundry expenses at Grand Lodge.....	33 00
“	25—	“ Masonic Relief Association of U. S. and Canada.....	194 50
“	25—	“ Expenses of Board Meeting, July, 1889.....	757 75
“	25—	“ Times Printing Co., Proceedings and sundry printing.....	1,030 77
“	25—	“ Gr. Sec. balance incidentals \$111.96, and on account 1889 and 1890, \$400.00.....	511 96
“	29—	“ Buntin, Gillies & Co. for stationary.....	4 25
“	29—	“ Copp, Clark & Co., certificates, etc.....	474 74
“	29—	“ Henry Robertson, report on Foreign Correspondence.....	100 00
“	29—	“ Copying Register of Prov. Grand Lodge.....	25 00
“	29—	“ Brown Bros., for register.....	10 00
Aug.	5—	“ Chairman of Benevolent Committee, postage and expenses.....	15 00
Sept.	5—	“ James Garland, painting Grand Secretary's Office.....	72 70
“	5—	“ Seneca Jones, Premium on Grand Sec. Bond.....	50 00
Oct.	1—	“ Grand Treasurer's salary to 30th September.....	50 00
“	1—	“ Grand Secretary's “ “ “.....	400 00
“	1—	“ Assistant to Gr. Sec. “ “ “.....	200 00
“	1—	“ Masonic Hall Association, rent to 30th September.....	43 75
“	1—	“ R. Duncan & Co., books and stationery.....	70 10
Nov.	20—	“ J. Spencer Ellis, printing G. M's address.....	12 00
Dec.	19—	“ Henry Harding, plumbing repairs Gr. Sec. Office.....	16 22
1890.			
Jan.	4—	“ Grand Master, half-yearly grant for expenses.....	250 00
“	4—	“ Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st December.....	50 00
“	4—	“ Grand Secretary's “ “ “.....	400 00
“	4—	“ Assistant to Gr. Sec. “ “ “.....	200 00
“	4—	“ Masonic Hall Association, rent to 31st September.....	43 75
April	3—	“ Grand Secretary's salary to 31st March.....	400 00
“	3—	“ Assistant to Gr. Sec. “ “ “.....	200 00
“	3—	“ Grand Treasurer “ “ “.....	50 00
“	3—	“ Masonic Hall Association, rent to 31st March.....	43 75
“	3—	“ J. T. Routh, insurance on regalia.....	15 75
“	14—	“ R. W. Bro. Wilkinson, paid by him to obtain warrant of Lodge 189.....	10 00
May	31—	“ Orders, Benevolence for year as per list.....	9,610 00
“	31—	“ Balance.....	58,473 81
			\$74,762 55

## PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE.

June 1889.	Aug. 1889.	Aug. 1889.
30 Mrs. Harris.....\$56.25	31 Mrs. Nixon ..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Berlett..... 10.00
30 Mrs. Dow..... 10.00	31 Mrs. McGiboney.. 10.00	31 Bro Baker ..... 25.00
30 Mrs. Cameron. . 10.00	31 Mrs. Ramsay ..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Cummings.. 5.00
30 Mrs. D. Cameron 15.00	31 Bro. Foster..... 25.00	31 Mrs. Milne..... 15.00
30 Mrs. Livingstone 5.00	31 Mrs. Jones..... 15.00	31 Mrs. McIntyre.... 5.00
30 Mrs. Leaney .... 15.00	31 Mrs. Harper..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Coulter ..... 10.00
July	31 Mrs. Pigott..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Turner..... 15.00
31 Mrs. Thompson . 10.00	31 Bro. Kilgour..... 25.00	31 Mrs. Hill..... 10.00
31 Mrs. Quirk..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Nelson ..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Sproule .... 15.00
31 Bro. Butterworth 25.00	31 Mrs. Harington.. 20.00	31 Mrs. Hill..... 10.00
31 Mrs. Fowler ..... 20.00	31 Mrs. Garbutt..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Chard..... 20.00
31 Orph. Bro. Barber 5.00	31 Mrs. Scott..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Stowger..... 15.00
31 Daugh. Bro. Lee 10.00	31 Mrs. Parker..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Thoburn..... 15.00
31 Mrs. Hortop..... 10.00	31 Mrs. German..... 15.00	30 Mrs. Fitzpatrick. 10.00
31 Mrs. Witmer ..... 20.00	31 Mrs. Hurst..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Bridgeport.. 15.00
31 Mrs. Locke..... 15.00	31 Bro. Meyers..... 20.00	31 Bro. Ingram..... 20.00
31 Mrs. Lawrence . . 15.00	31 Mrs. Palmer . . 15.00	31 Mrs. Blondheim.. 15.00
31 B. of Relief, Lon. 50.00	31 Mrs. McNiece.... 10.00	31 Mrs. Smith..... 10.00
31 Mrs. Zavits ..... 15.00	31 Orphs Bro Perley 10.00	31 Mrs. Imlay..... 10.00
31 Mrs. Robertson... 5.00	31 Mrs. France..... 20.00	31 Mrs. Gray..... 10.00
31 Mrs. Edwards..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Neal..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Riggs ..... 15.00
31 Mrs. Turner . . 15.00	31 Mrs. Weir..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Wylie..... 10.00
31 Mrs. Merriman . 10.00	31 Mrs. LeClair. . . 5.00	31 Mrs. Moore..... 15.00
31 Bro. Worsfold. . 25.00	31 Mrs. Hixon..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Waddington 15.00
31 Bro. Black ..... 25.00	31 Mrs. Amsden..... 15.00	31 Orph. Bro. Benj. 5.00
31 Mrs. Waltho..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Connolly.... 15.00	31 Mrs. Kingston... 15.00
31 Mrs. Moore..... 5.00	31 Mrs. Snuck..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Scott..... 10.00
31 Miss Wilson..... 75.00	31 Orphs Bro. Smith 10.00	31 Or. Bro. Banghart 5.00
31 Mrs. Wilson ..... 75.00	31 Mrs. Sutherland.. 15.00	31 Mrs. Smith..... 15.00
Aug.	31 Mrs. Playter ..... 10.00	31 Bro. Ross ..... 25.00
31 Mrs. Dack..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Jackson ..... 10.00	31 Bro. Huyck ..... 20.00
31 Bro O'Neil..... 25.00	31 Mrs. Tighe . . . 20.00	31 Bro. Marcus ..... 25.00
31 Mrs. Hill..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Stoppleben.. 10.00	31 Bd. R. Hamilton. 50.00
31 Mrs. Howe ..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Reid..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Pickhaven... 10.00
31 Mrs. Newberry . 10.00	31 Mrs. McPhail..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Oakley ..... 10.00
31 Mrs. Bailey..... 10.00	31 Or's Bro. McBride 15.00	31 Mrs. Liersch ..... 15.00
31 Mrs. Miller..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Jolley..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Bead ..... 10.00
31 Bro. McNally.. . 25.00	3 Mrs. Burns..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Ramsey..... 20.00
31 Orphans Bro. Orr 20.00	31 Mrs. Bowman..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Halliday.... 5.00
31 Mrs. Stetham..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Power..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Vanluven.... 10.00
31 Mrs. Kerr..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Greer ..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Leister ..... 19.00
31 Mrs. Metherell . 10.00	31 Bro. Hallett..... 20.00	31 Mrs. Evans..... 15.00
31 Mrs. Rubidge.... 10.00	31 Mrs. McTaggart.. 5.00	31 Mrs. Franklin.... 5.00
31 Mrs. White ..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Thompson.. 10.00	31 Mrs. Allen ..... 10.00
31 Mrs. Shaw ..... 10.00	31 Orphs Bro Fraser 10.00	31 Mrs. Berry..... 10.00
31 Mrs. Janieson... 15.00	31 Mrs. Inman..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Porteous... 10.00
31 Mrs. Graham.... 15.00	31 Mrs. Tandy..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Bethune ... 10.00
31 Mrs. Sharpe..... 10.00	31 Bro. Wilcott ... 25.00	31 Mrs. Peverett.... 15.00
31 Mrs. Crawford ... 15.00	31 Mrs. Hunter..... 20.00	31 Mrs. McIntyre ... 10.00
31 Mrs. Long..... 5.00	31 Mrs. Burton ..... 15.00	31 Bro. Kennedy ... 25.00
31 Mrs. Goslee..... 5.00	31 Mrs. Killican ... 15.00	31 Mrs. Johnston... 20.00
31 Mrs. Bartlett ... 10.00	31 Mrs. Griffith ... 10.00	31 Mrs. Taylor..... 10.00
31 Mrs. Perry..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Cronin ..... 20.00	31 Mrs. Patterson ... 10.00
31 Mrs. Chatham... 10.00	31 Mrs. Ross..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Davies..... 10.00
31 Mrs. McVeity.... 10.00	31 Orphs Bro Covell 15.00	31 Mrs. Bernard.... 40.00
31 Mrs. Salmoni.... 15.00	31 Mrs. Forder..... 20.00	31 Mrs. Baptie..... 10.00
31 Mrs. Wills ..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Wescott.... 10.00	31 Mrs. Hagerman . 10.00
31 Mrs. Fritton.... 15.00	31 Mrs. Martin ..... 15.00	31 Orphs Bro. Oliver 10.00
31 Mrs. Street..... 15.00	31 Bd Relief, Ottawa 15.00	31 Mrs. Fraser..... 15.00
31 Mrs. Walker..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Varney..... 20.00	31 Mrs. Summerville 15.00
31 Mrs. Beaver..... 20.00	31 Mrs. Badgley ... 15.00	31 Mrs. Sweeney ... 15.00
31 Bro. Munroe..... 25.00	31 Mrs. Phillips.... 15.00	31 Mrs. Carter..... 10.00
31 Mrs. Armstrong. 20.00	31 Mrs. Bruce..... 20.00	31 Mrs. Pinkerton . 15.00
31 Mrs. Innis ..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Kirly..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Campbell... 10.00
31 Mrs. Tuke ..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Baxter..... 20.00	31 Mrs. Oldham..... 10.00
31 Mrs. McKenzie . 10.00	31 Mrs. Christie ... 10.00	31 B. Relief, Toronto 50.00
31 Mrs. Small..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Bailey ..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Ash ..... 10.00
31 Mrs. Manning.... 15.00	31 Mrs. Davey..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Olmstead ... 15.00
31 Mrs. Adamson.... 5.00	31 Mrs. Martin..... 20.00	31 Mrs. McRae..... 10.00
31 Mrs. Stanley.... 15.00	31 Mrs. Elsasser ... 15.00	31 Mrs. Godfrey.... 15.00
31 Mrs. Renwick ... 10.00	31 Orph. Bro. Braund 10.00	31 Mrs. Barber..... 15.00

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Aug. 1889.	Oct. 1889.	Jan. 1890.
31 Mrs. Arnold... 5.00	31 Mrs. Whitworth... 10.00	31 Mrs. Halliday... 5.00
31 Mrs. Sheddon... 10.00	31 Mrs. Goldsmith... 20.00	31 Bro. Ingram... 20.00
31 Mrs. Shields... 20.00	31 Mrs. McCadden... 10.00	31 Mrs. McTaggart... 5.00
31 Mrs. Deacon... 15.00	31 Mrs. McKay... 10.00	31 Mrs. Street... 15.00
31 Mrs. McMenemy... 10.00	31 Mrs. Livingstone... 5.00	31 Mrs. Zavitz... 15.00
31 Mrs. Little... 20.00	Nov.	30 Mrs. Bowman... 25.00
31 Mrs. Conklin... 15.00	30 Mrs. Jewell... 10.00	30 Mrs. Wills... 15.00
31 Mrs. Kinsman... 5.00	30 Mrs. Rees... 15.00	30 Or. Bro. Orr... 20.00
31 Mrs. Nancollas... 5.00	30 Mrs. McKay... 10.00	30 Bro. Butterworth... 25.00
31 Mrs. Kelly... 10.00	30 Or. Bro. Reynolds... 5.00	30 Mrs. Smith... 10.00
31 Mrs. Benedict... 15.00	30 Mrs. Beam... 10.00	30 Bro. Ross... 25.00
31 Mrs. Shipman... 20.00	30 Bro. Lingstaff... 25.00	30 Mrs. Fitzpatrick... 10.00
31 Mrs. Chantler... 10.00	30 Mrs. Kestevan... 5.00	30 Mrs. McVeity... 10.00
31 Mrs. Fortier... 15.00	30 Mrs. Vardon... 10.00	30 Mrs. Jewell... 10.00
31 Mrs. Howard... 10.00	30 Mrs. Fowler... 20.00	30 Mrs. Merriman... 10.00
31 Mrs. Noble... 10.00	30 Mrs. Thompson... 10.00	30 Mrs. Moore... 5.00
31 Mrs. Nash... 15.00	30 Mrs. Stafford... 15.00	30 Or. Bro. Baughart... 5.00
31 Mrs. Galer... 20.00	30 Bro. Bowman... 25.00	30 Mrs. Chantler... 10.00
31 Mrs. Keys... 10.00	Dec.	30 Mrs. Milne... 15.00
31 Mrs. Bagley... 19.00	31 Mrs. Quirk... 10.00	30 Mrs. Varney... 20.00
31 Bro. Elkington... 25.00	31 Mrs. Love... 10.00	30 Or. Bro. McBride... 15.00
31 Mrs. Blount... 15.00	31 Mrs. McLeod... 15.00	30 Or. Bro. Barber... 5.00
31 Bro. Scott... 25.00	31 Mrs. Wright... 10.00	30 Mrs. Adams... 10.00
31 Mrs. Wright... 15.00	31 Mrs. Malcolm... 15.00	30 Mrs. Coulter... 10.00
31 Bro. Smith... 25.00	31 Or. Bro. Cummins... 10.00	30 Mrs. Kirby... 15.00
31 Mrs. Tuttle... 10.00	31 Mrs. O'Neil... 15.00	30 Or. Bro. Perley... 10.00
31 Orphs Bro. Dean... 25.00	31 Mrs. Elliott... 10.00	30 Bro. Baker... 25.00
31 Orphs Bro. Upham... 10.00	31 Mrs. Cosseboom... 15.00	30 Mrs. Nelson... 15.00
31 Mrs. DeGrassi... 20.00	Jan. 1890.	30 Bro. Foster... 25.00
31 Mrs. Detrick... 10.00	31 Mrs. Rowed... 20.00	30 Mrs. Wellbank... 15.00
31 Mrs. Burgess... 10.00	31 Mrs. McPherson... 15.00	30 Mrs. Howe... 10.00
31 Mrs. Williams... 10.00	31 Bro. Paterson... 25.00	30 Bro. Farquharson... 25.00
31 Mrs. Harvey... 15.00	31 Mrs. Wilson... 75.00	30 Mrs. Hunter... 20.00
31 Mrs. Hogg... 10.00	31 Miss Wilson... 75.00	30 Mrs. Killican... 15.00
31 Mrs. Aishton... 10.00	31 Mrs. T. B. Harris... 56.25	30 Mrs. Sproule... 15.00
31 Bro. Bowman... 25.00	31 Mrs. Howell... 10.00	30 Mrs. Bold... 10.00
31 Mrs. Ellis... 15.00	31 Mrs. Laing... 15.00	30 Mrs. Rees... 15.00
31 Bro. Crate... 25.00	31 Mrs. Rome... 15.00	31 Mrs. Neal... 10.00
31 Mrs. Locke... 10.00	31 Bro. Huyck... 20.00	31 Mrs. Power... 10.00
31 Mrs. Bolton... 15.00	31 Mrs. Badgley... 15.00	31 Mrs. Renwick... 10.00
31 Orphs Bro. Moat... 15.00	31 Mrs. Johnston... 10.00	31 Mrs. Berry... 10.00
31 Mrs. Gordon... 15.00	31 Mrs. Edwards... 10.00	31 Mrs. Manning... 15.00
31 Mrs. Parney... 10.00	31 Mrs. Beaver... 20.00	31 Mrs. Jameson... 15.00
31 Mrs. McKellar... 10.00	31 Bro. Smith... 25.00	31 Mrs. McKenzie... 10.00
31 Mrs. Oliver... 15.00	31 Or. Bro. Covell... 15.00	31 Mrs. Garbutt... 10.00
31 Mrs. Blythe... 10.00	31 Mrs. Bartlett... 10.00	31 Mrs. Davies... 10.00
31 Mrs. Wellbank... 15.00	31 Mrs. Chatham... 10.00	31 Bro. Kennedy... 25.00
30 Mrs. Johnston... 10.00	31 Bro. Lingstaff... 25.00	31 Bro. Bain... 20.00
Oct.	31 Bro. Wilson... 20.00	31 Mrs. Hill... 10.00
31 Bro. Bain... 20.00	31 Mrs. Harper... 10.00	31 Mrs. Patterson... 10.00
31 Mrs. Bold... 10.00	31 Mrs. Godfrey... 15.00	31 Bd. R. Hamilton... 50.00
31 Mrs. Scott... 10.00	31 Bro. Worsfold... 25.00	31 Mrs. Ramsay... 10.00
31 Mrs. Zimmerman... 10.00	31 Mrs. Newberry... 10.00	31 Bro. Meyers... 20.00
31 Bro. Chaseley... 25.00	31 Bro. Wilson... 20.00	31 Mrs. Wright... 10.00
31 Mrs. Matheson... 20.00	31 Bro. McNally... 25.00	31 Bro. Hallett... 20.00
31 Mrs. Harris... 56.25	31 Mrs. Fritton... 15.00	31 Orph. Bro. Smith... 10.00
31 Mrs. Wilson... 75.00	31 Mrs. Walker... 15.00	31 Mrs. Philips... 15.00
31 Miss Wilson... 75.00	31 Mrs. Rowed... 20.00	31 Mrs. Stetham... 10.00
31 Mrs. Whitehead... 10.00	31 Mrs. Armstrong... 20.00	31 Mrs. Dow... 10.00
31 Mrs. Steele... 10.00	31 Mrs. Stowger... 15.00	31 Mrs. Nixon... 10.00
31 Mrs. Adams... 10.00	31 Bro. Munroe... 25.00	31 Mrs. Martin... 20.00
31 Mrs. Wright... 10.00	31 Mrs. Burgess... 10.00	31 Mrs. Boulton... 15.00
31 Bro. Farquharson... 25.00	31 Mrs. Witmer... 20.00	31 Mrs. Fortier... 15.00
31 Mrs. Bourke... 10.00	31 Mrs. Hortop... 10.00	31 Mrs. Tuke... 10.00
31 Mrs. Morris... 20.00	31 Mrs. Fowler... 20.00	31 Mrs. Scott... 10.00
31 Mrs. Leaney... 15.00	31 Mrs. Turner... 15.00	Feb.
31 Orph. Bro. Davey... 10.00	31 Mrs. Blondheim... 15.00	23 Or. Bro. Benjamin... 5.00
31 Mrs. Irwin... 15.00	31 Mrs. Perry... 10.00	23 Mrs. Aishton... 10.00
31 Bro. Videau... 25.00	31 Mrs. Waltho... 10.00	23 Mrs. Cronin... 20.00
31 Mrs. Bell... 15.00	31 Mrs. McPhail... 15.00	23 Mrs. Ash... 10.00
31 Mrs. Harvey... 10.00	31 Mrs. Salmoni... 15.00	23 Mrs. Scott... 10.00

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Feb. 1890.	Feb. 1890.	Feb. 1890.
28 Mrs. Little ..... 20.00	28 Mrs. Thompson... 20.00	28 Mrs. Burton..... 15.00
28 Mrs. Goslee ..... 5.00	28 Mrs. Stoppleben. 10.00	28 Mrs. Ramsay..... 20.00
28 Bro. Wilnott ..... 25.00	28 Mrs. Metherall... 10.00	28 Mrs. Hunter (1) . 10.00
28 Bro. Marcus ..... 25.00	28 Mrs. Johnston . 20.00	28 Mrs. Hunter (2) . 10.00
28 Mrs. Kingston... 15.00	28 Mrs. Hurst ..... 10.00	28 Mrs. Parker..... 15.00
28 Mrs. Davey ..... 15.00	28 Mrs. Harvey..... 15.00	28 Mrs. Epplett..... 10.00
28 Mrs. Palmer ..... 15.00	28 Mrs. Zimmerman 10.00	28 Mrs. Nash ..... 15.00
28 Mrs. Small ..... 15.00	28 Mrs. Bennett..... 15.00	28 Mrs. Livingston . 5.00
28 Mrs. McNiece..... 10.00	28 Mrs. Leith..... 10.00	28 Mrs. Matheson ... 20.00
28 Mrs. Hislop..... 15.00	28 Mrs. Leitch..... 20.00	28 Mrs. Bailey..... 15.00
28 Mrs. Jollie ..... 15.00	28 Mrs. Spence ..... 15.00	28 Mrs. M'ch.
28 Mrs. Elsasser..... 15.00	28 Mrs. McKenzie .. 10.00	31 Or. Bro. Upham. 10.00
28 Mrs. Liersch ..... 15.00	28 Mrs. Reid..... 10.00	31 Or. Bro. Davey... 10.00
28 Mrs. MacInnes .. 15.00	28 Mrs. Sharpe ..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Morris..... 20.00
28 Mrs. Hill ..... 10.00	28 Mrs. Somerville... 15.00	31 Mrs. Weir ..... 10.00
28 Mrs. Porteous..... 10.00	28 Mrs. Wescott..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Connolly... 15.00
28 Mrs. Long ..... 5.00	28 Mrs. Griffith..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Sutherland. 15.00
28 Mrs. Inman ..... 10.00	28 Mrs. LeClair..... 5.00	31 Mrs. Taylor ..... 10.00
28 Mrs. Chard ..... 20.00	28 Mrs. Leister..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Bourke ..... 10.00
28 Mrs. Peverett..... 15.00	28 Bd. Rf. London . 50.00	31 Mrs. Miller..... 10.00
28 Mrs. McGiboney. 10.00	28 Mrs. Adamson .. 5.00	31 Mrs. Shields ..... 20.00
28 B. of Relief Ottawa 15.00	28 Mrs. Tighe..... 20.00	31 Mrs. Deacon ..... 15.00
28 Mrs. Harington.. 20.00	28 Mrs. White..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Burns..... 15.00
28 Mrs. Campbell... 10.00	28 Louisa Lee..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Beal..... 10.00
28 Orp. Bro. Braund 10.00	28 Mrs. Stanley..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Hislop ..... 15.00
28 Mrs. Bruce ..... 20.00	28 Mrs. Rubidge..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Locke ..... 15.00
28 Mrs. Shaw ..... 10.00	28 Mrs. Davis ..... 10.00	31 Bro. Tracey (1)... 20.00
28 Mrs. Ross ..... 10.00	28 Mrs. Vanluven..... 10.00	31 Bro. Tracey (2) . 20.00
28 Mrs. Goldsmith... 20.00	28 Mrs. Crawford... 15.00	31 Mrs. Keys ..... 10.00
28 Mrs. Moore..... 15.00	28 Mrs. Playter..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Cummings. 5.00
28 Mrs. Lawrence... 15.00	28 Mrs. Berlett..... 10.00	31 Bd. Rf. Toronto 50.00
28 Mrs. Jackson..... 10.00	28 Mrs. Hill..... 10.00	31 B. R. Kingston(1) 25.00
28 Bro. Black ..... 25.00	28 Mrs. Scott..... 10.00	31 B. R. Kingston(2) 25.00
28 Mrs. Grier..... 15.00	28 Mrs. Allen..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Vardon ..... 10.00
28 Mrs. Forder ..... 20.00	28 Mrs. Riggs ..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Wright ..... 10.00
28 Orph. Bro Fraser 10.00	28 Mrs. McKae ..... 10.00	31 Bro. Elkington . 25.00
28 Mrs. Pigott ..... 10.00	28 Mrs. Blount ..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Hagerman... 10.00
28 Bro. Chasely ..... 25.00	28 Bro. Paterson..... 25.00	31 Mrs. Epplett ..... 10.00
28 Mrs. Kerr..... 15.00	28 Mrs. Dow ..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Hogg ..... 10.00
28 Mrs. Inlay ..... 10.00	28 Mrs. Berry (1)... 15.00	31 Mrs. Gray ..... 10.00
28 Mrs. Sharpe ..... 10.00	28 Mrs. Berry (2)... 15.00	Apr.
28 Mrs. Pinkerton... 15.00	28 Mrs. Whitworth. 10.00	30 Mrs. Irwin ..... 15.00
28 Mrs. Bethune... 10.00	28 Mrs. Hixon ..... 15.00	30 Mrs. Thompson... 10.00
28 Mrs. France ..... 20.00	28 Mrs. Blythe..... 10.00	30 Mrs. Cameron ... 15.00
28 Mrs. Baxter..... 20.00	28 Mrs. Wright..... 15.00	30 Mrs. Wilson ..... 75.00
28 Mrs. Bagley ..... 10.00	28 Mrs. Williams... 10.00	30 Miss Wilson..... 75.00
28 Mrs. Franklin... 5.00	28 Mrs. Oldham ..... 10.00	30 Mrs. Harris ..... 56.25
28 Mrs. Evans..... 15.00	28 Mrs. Bailey ..... 10.00	30 Or Bro Moat..... 15.00
28 Mrs. Oliver..... 15.00	28 Or. Bro. Oliver.. 10.00	30 Mrs. Barber ..... 15.00
28 Mrs. Gordon ..... 15.00	28 Mrs. McLeod ..... 15.00	30 Mrs. Grant (1) . 10.00
28 Mrs. Noble ..... 10.00	28 Mrs. McKay ..... 10.00	30 Mrs. Grant (2) . 10.00
28 Mrs. McCadden... 10.00	28 Mrs. Nancollas... 5.00	30 Mrs. Oakley ..... 10.00
28 Child'n B. Kilgour 25.00	28 Mrs. Pickhaven... 10.00	30 Bro. Vivian ..... 25.00
28 Mrs. Smith ..... 15.00	28 Mrs. DeGrassi... 20.00	30 Bro. Halladay . 10.00
28 Mrs. Bowman..... 10.00	28 Mrs. Galer..... 20.00	30 Mrs. Steele..... 10.00
28 Mrs. McKellar... 10.00	28 Mrs. Baptie ..... 10.00	May.
28 Mrs. Fowler..... 20.00	28 Mrs. McIntyre ... 10.00	31 Mrs. Waddington 15.00
28 Mrs. Whitehead... 10.00	28 Mrs. Christie ... 10.00	31 Mrs. Ellis ..... 15.00
28 Mrs. Sweeney ... 15.00	28 Mrs. Locke..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Thoburn ... 15.00
28 Mrs. Carter ..... 10.00	28 Mrs. Martin ..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Turner ..... 15.00
28 Bro. Bowman..... 25.00	28 Mrs. Beam ..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Dack ..... 10.00
28 Mrs. Shipman..... 20.00	28 Mrs. Parney ..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Smith..... 10.00
28 Bro. Crate ..... 25.00	28 Mrs. Tandy ..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Harvey ..... 10.00
28 Mrs. Fraser..... 15.00	28 Mrs. German..... 15.00	31 Mrs. Bennett... 15.00
28 Mrs. Elliott..... 10.00	28 Mrs. Kelly ..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Howell ..... 10.00
28 Mrs. Amsden..... 15.00	28 Mrs. Smuck..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Leith ..... 10.00
28 Mrs. Benedict... 15.00	28 Bro Scott..... 25.00	31 Mrs. Leitch ..... 20.00
28 Mrs. Graham..... 15.00	28 Mrs. Seddon ..... 10.00	31 Mrs. Spence..... 15.00
28 Mrs. Conklin..... 15.00	28 Bro Halladay... 10.00	31 Mrs. Laing..... 15.00
28 Mrs. Jones ..... 15.00	28 Mrs. Bridgeport. 15.00	31 Mrs. Smith..... 10.00
28 Mrs. Robertson.. 5.00	28 Mrs. Preston ..... 10.00	31 Mrs. McMenemy. 10.00

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May.	1890.	May.	1890.	May.	1890.
31 Mrs. McKenzie ..	10 00	31 Mrs. Malcolm ..	15 00	31 Or Bro. Palmer (1)	20 00
31 Mrs. Stafford....	15 00	31 Mrs. Howard....	10 00	31 Or Bro. Palmer (2)	20 00
31 Mrs. Reid .....	10 00	31 Mrs. McIntyre ..	5 00		
31 Mrs. Sharpe ....	10 00	31 Mrs. Dietrick....	10 00	Total..	\$9 610 00

## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24th JUNE,

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on Festival of St. John

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
2	Niagara .....	Niagara .....	W. on or b. f. m.	H. L. Andersen MD	Thos. P. Blain .....
3	aThe An St. John's	Kingston .....	First Thurs.	W. H. Macnie.	John Sutherland .....
5	aSussex .....	Brockville .....	W. on or b. f. m.	Dan'l Derbyshire	Alex. Stewart .....
6	Barton .....	Hamilton .....	Second Wed ..	James Ferres ..	Geo. E. Mason .....
7	Union .....	Grimsby .....	Th on or b. f. m.	David Sykes ..	W. H. Alford .....
9	aUnion .....	Napinee .....	F. on or b. f. m.	S. C. Warner ..	T. D. Pruyn .....
10	aNorfolk .....	Simcoe .....	Tu on or b. f. m.	James C. Boyd	W. P. Kelley .....
11	aMoira .....	Belleville .....	W. on or b. f. m.	W. Lattimer...	Chas W. Stringer...
14	aTrue Britons.	Perth .....	First Monday.	Peter Hope ..	W. A. Moore .....
15	St. George's .....	St. Catharines	Tu on or b. f. m.	C. H. Connor.	C. G. McWhie .....
16	aSt. Andrew's.	Toronto .....	Second Tues ..	A. R. Macdonald	W. P. Gundy .....
17	St. John's .....	Cobourg .....	M on or b. f. m.	John Miller ..	Geo. Spence .....
18	aPrince Edward	Pictou .....	Th on or b. f. m.	Ed. A. Morden ..	H. Welbanks .....
20	aSt. John's .....	London .....	Second Tues ..	H. T. Ford ..	M. D. Dawson .....
21a	aSt. John's .....	Vankleek Hill.	F. on or b. f. m.	Silas D. Grout ..	F. W. Thistlethwaite
22	aKing Solomon's.	Toronto .....	Second Thurs	Wm. Cooke .....	S. Hollingsworth ..
23	Richmond .....	Richmond Hill	M. on or b. f. m.	Thomas Newton.	J. Crosby .....
24	aSt. Francis.	Smith's Falls.	F. on or b. f. m.	John A. Houston	S. Moag .....
25	aIonic .....	Toronto .....	First Tuesday.	G. S. Ryerson..	Walter Barwick ..
26	aOntario .....	Port Hope .....	Third Thurs.	H. B. Hall .....	W. B. Wallace .....
27	aStrict Observance	Hamilton .....	Third Tuesday	I. E. Pointer ..	W. C. Morton .....
28	aMount Zion .....	Kemptville....	Wed. b f. moon	A. Bascom .....	W. H. Bottum .....
29	aUnited .....	Brighton .....	Th on or b. f. m.	DWannamaker	T. J. Wright .....
30	aComposite.....	Whitby .....	First Thursday	Th. Johnson ..	Robt. Willis .....
31	aJerusalem.....	Bowmanville ..	W. on or b. f. m.	J. R. Bownhall	John Keachie .....
32	aAmity .....	Dunville .....	W. on or a. f. m.	John Taylor ..	J. W. McCallum .....
33	aMaitland .....	Goderich .....	Second Tues ..	H. W. Ball .....	W. A. Rynas .....
34	aThistle .....	Amherstburg.	Tuesday b f. m.	F. J. Harris ..	Richard Elliott ..
35	St. John's .....	Cayuga .....	Th on or a. f. m.	J. A. Hoshall...	J. H. Cameron .....
36	Welland .....	Fonthill .....	Th on or b. f. m.	J. F. Brasford ..	J. O. Emmett .....
37	aKing Hiram .....	Ingersoll .....	First Friday.	J. F. Choate .....	James Vance .....
38	aTrent .....	Trenton .....	Tuesday b f. m.	Geo. Collins ..	D. J. Walker, Jr. ....
39	aMount Zion .....	Brooklin .....	Tu on or b. f. m.	T. W. Johnson ..	R. C. Warren .....
40	aSt. John's .....	Hamilton .....	Third Thurs.	Wm. Birrell ..	W. J. Aitchison .....
41	aSt. George's .....	Kingsville .....	Th on or b. f. m.	E. Allworth, M.D.	Geo. Rumble .....
42	aSt. George's .....	London .....	First Wed .....	Thos. R. Parker	A. Ellis, jr. ....
43	aKing Solomon's.	Woodstock....	First Tuesday.	Alex. McGachie	Geo. J. Fraser .....
44	aSt. Thomas .....	St. Thomas .....	First Thursday	Samuel Dubber..	L. Slater .....
45	Brant .....	Brantford .....	Tu on or b. f. m.	John H. Crouse.	Isaac J. Birchard ..
46	aWellington .....	Chatham .....	First Monday.	James Birch ..	R. R. Birch .....
47	aGreat Western.	Windor .....	Th on or b. f. m.	Thos. McGregor.	G. T. Wilkie .....
48	aMadoc .....	Madoc .....	Tu on or b. f. m.	John W. Blair ..	James O'Hara .....
50	aConsecon .....	Consecon .....	F on or b. f. m.	John H. Young.	John B. Gott .....
52	Dalhousie .....	Ottawa .....	First Tuesday.	J. H. Salmon ..	Chas. S. Scott .....
54	aVaughan .....	Maple .....	Tu on or b. f. m.	F. Smelser .....	A. Carley .....
55	aMerrickville .....	Merrickville..	Tu on or b. f. m.	R. O. Campbell.	F. M. Whitmarsh ..
56	aVictoria .....	Sarnia .....	Tu on or b. f. m.	Robert Kerr ..	Charles Mole .....
57	aHarmony .....	Bimbrook .....	W. on or b. f. m.	David Greenhill.	Jos. F. Senn .....
58	aDoric .....	Ottawa .....	First Friday.	J. Robertson, MD	Chas A. Abbott .....
61	aAcacia .....	Hamilton .....	Second Friday	Hugh S. Wallace	A. E. Manning .....
62	aSt. Andrew's .....	Caledonia .....	W. on or b. f. m.	John Thompson.	W. J. Clark .....
63	aSt. John's .....	Carleton Place	W. on or b. f. m.	Frank Donald ..	John Bushworth ..
64	aKilwinning .....	London .....	Third Thurs.	W. H. W. Morgan	John Overell .....
65	aRehobam .....	Toronto .....	First Thurs.	W. J. Graham ..	Arthur Dinnis .....
66	aDurham .....	Newcastle .....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	D. Allin .....	E. Simmons .....
68	aSt John's .....	Ingersoll .....	Third Friday.	W. A. Sinclair ..	Wm. Ewart .....
69	Stirling .....	Stirling .....	Thursday a. f. m.	John Shaw .....	W. S. Boardman ..
72	Alma .....	Galt .....	Th on or b. f. m.	E. T. Kenning ..	J. H. McGregor .....
73	aSt. James' .....	St. Mary's .....	First Monday.	S. L. Robinson ..	D. S. Rupert .....
74	aSt. James' .....	Maitland .....	M. nearest f. m.	D. W. Ross .....	James Boyd, jr. ....
75	St. John's .....	Toronto .....	First Monday.	R. B. Harcourt.	W. G. Ritchie .....
76	aOxford .....	Woodstock .....	Second Wed ..	Warren Totten ..	W. T. Wilkinson .....
77	aFaithful Brethren	Lindsay .....	First Friday ..	Samuel Armour.	G. S. Patrick .....
78	aKing Hiram .....	Tilsonburg .....	W. on or b. f. m.	John McDonald.	N. P. Dewar .....

## AND LEDGER BALANCES TO 31st MAY, 1890.

the Evangelist ; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

Initia'd.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With'd.	Deaths.	S.N.P.D	S.U.M.C	Expel'd.	Res'd.	Total Memb's.	Last returns.	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
												Dr.	Bal. Cr Bal.	
1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	Dec , 1889.	0 00	...	26 50
8	6	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	121	"	0 00	...	78 50
14	20	8	6	...	1	...	...	...	3	154	"	0 00	...	106 00
12	8	9	7	...	4	...	...	...	1	266	"	0 00	...	152 50
2	2	2	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	52	Decem. 1888.	0 00	...	—
10	9	9	1	...	3	...	...	...	1	88	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	52 75
4	4	4	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	75	"	45 50	...	12 00
10	8	4	2	...	3	...	...	...	1	103	"	0 00	...	77 50
7	5	5	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	86	"	0 00	...	53 00
4	3	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	108	June, 1889 ..	0 00	...	55 50
9	7	1	3	...	3	...	...	...	3	184	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	115 25
1	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	51	"	0 00	...	28 50
6	5	3	1	...	4	...	...	...	2	141	"	0 00	...	92 50
6	5	6	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	126	"	0 00	...	83 00
6	8	8	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	35	"	0 00	...	40 25
6	2	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	3	139	"	0 00	...	74 75
1	1	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	23	Decem , 1888	0 00	...	14 00
6	5	5	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	57	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	44 50
13	17	18	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	141	"	0 00	...	122 50
3	3	3	1	...	5	...	...	...	1	54	"	0 00	...	43 50
9	14	12	6	...	5	...	...	...	2	226	"	0 00	...	133 00
3	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	37	"	0 00	...	48 50
2	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	"	26 75	...	—
10	9	9	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	64	"	10 00	...	40 50
3	4	4	1	...	6	...	...	...	...	90	"	4 00	...	51 00
1	1	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	51	"	26 75	...	34 00
3	2	3	...	...	5	...	...	...	1	84	"	4 00	...	43 25
3	2	2	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	35	Decem , 1888	0 00	...	34 75
4	2	2	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	30	Decem , 1889	64 50	...	—
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	June, 1889...	44 75	...	—
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	53 25
9	8	7	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	57	June, 1889...	0 00	...	77 50
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	Decem., 1889	55 25	...	—
19	14	18	7	...	4	...	...	...	1	283	"	0 00	...	190 25
18	13	11	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	78	"	0 00	...	41 25
7	7	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	166	"	0 00	...	72 25
9	4	2	5	...	6	...	...	...	2	93	June, 1889...	0 00	...	202 00
11	12	11	2	...	2	...	...	...	1	117	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	131 00
11	10	12	5	...	...	...	...	...	2	88	"	0 00	...	76 50
8	8	8	1	...	4	...	...	...	1	86	"	0 00	...	65 25
1	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	95	"	2 00	...	57 50
13	12	9	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	88	Decem. 1888.	2 00	...	40 00
4	4	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	34	June, 1889...	11 25	...	16 50
1	1	1	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	87	"	0 00	...	80 00
2	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	30 25
1	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	30	Decem., 1888	6 00	...	—
6	6	5	3	...	2	...	...	...	1	70	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	47 00
6	9	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	45	"	0 00	...	41 50
9	8	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	83	"	1 00	...	72 50
19	18	3	4	...	1	...	...	...	1	199	"	2 00	...	143 00
5	4	4	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	29	June, 1889.	0 00	...	24 00
6	4	5	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	70	Decem., 1889	4 00	...	55 00
2	2	2	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	136	"	0 00	...	82 75
2	15	12	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	174	"	0 00	...	135 00
1	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	39	"	0 00	...	24 25
2	1	1	...	...	7	...	...	...	1	62	"	0 00	...	38 25
5	5	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	106	"	53 25	...	50 00
3	3	3	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	78	"	0 00	...	64 25
6	4	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	63	Decem., 1888	0 00	...	37 00
6	6	5	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	32	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	78 50
11	10	2	7	...	3	...	...	...	1	195	"	0 00	...	152 25
5	3	7	4	...	2	...	...	...	1	112	"	0 00	...	114 50
8	7	6	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	83	"	2 00	...	60 25
1	1	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	80	"	0 00	...	51 75

## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24th JUNE,

No	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
79	aSimcoe .....	Bradford. ....	F. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Kilkenney.	Thos. McKay.....
80	aAlbion .....	Newbury. ....	First Tuesday.	J. J. Rheintgen	J. D. Anderson....
81	aSt. John's .....	Mt. Brydges. ....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	V. P. Dawson ..	H. G. Lindsay .....
82	St. John's .....	Paris .....	F. on or a.f.m.	J. H. Fisher ...	P. H. Cox .....
83	aBeaver .....	Strathroy .....	F. on or a.f.m.	Jas. Ferguson..	A. A. Cockburn .....
84	aClinton .....	Clinton .....	F. on or a.f.m.	John Hunter ..	W. M. McGee.....
85	aRising Sun .....	Farmersville. ....	Th. on or b.f.m.	J. B. Saunders ..	J. C. Alquire .....
86	aWilson .....	Toronto .....	Third Tuesday	Geo. K. M. Clarke	J. W. McAdam.....
87	Markham Union .....	Markham. ....	F. on or b.f.m.	John Simpson ..	G. M. Farwell, M. D.
88	St. George's .....	Owen Sound .....	W. on or b.f.m.	D. Morrison ..	John H. Notter.....
90	aManito .....	Collingwood .....	W. on or a.f.m.	Hugh A. Currie	C. A. McDonald....
91	aColborne .....	Colborne. ....	F. on or b.f.m.	James Cochrane	Geo. Keyes .....
92	aCatawqui .....	Kingston .....	Second Wed. ...	Richard Bunt. ...	D. Gallagher .....
93	aNorthern Light .....	Kincardine.....	First Wed. ....	A. E. Barber ..	R. D. Hall .....
94	aSt. Mark's .....	Port Stanley .....	Second Tues. ...	Jas. D. Ellison ..	D. M. May .....
95	Ridout .....	Otterville .....			
96	aCorinthian .....	Barrie .....	First Thursday	Samuel Wesley..	John Dickinson....
97	aSharon .....	Sharon .....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	A. Willson .....	J. C. McCarty .....
98	True Blue .....	Albion .....	F. on or b.f.m.	J. R. McEwen ..	Thos. Fisher .....
99	aTuscan .....	Newmarket. ....	S. Wednesday.	W. A. Brunton ..	W. D. Laurie .....
100	Valley .....	Dundas. ....	M. on or b.f.m.	W. O. Herald ..	E. W. Kelk .....
101	aCorinthian .....	Peterboro' .....	W. on or b.f.m.	E. A. Peck .....	R. G. Kingan .....
103	aMaple Leaf .....	St. Catharines ..	Th. on or a.f.m.	H. J. Johnson ..	John Sutherland....
104	St. John's .....	Norwich .....	W. on or a.f.m.	T. B. Pheboe ..	J. L. Harrington ..
105	aSt. Mark's .....	Nia. Falls S'th ..	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. D. Garner ..	W. A. Kennedy .....
106	aBurford .....	Burford .....	W. on or b.f.m.	W. F. Miles .....	Thos. L. Jones .....
107	St. Paul's .....	Lambeth. ....	W. on or b.f.m.	J. W. Crinklan ..	John Thornicroft....
108	Bienheim .....	Drumbo. ....	W. on or b.f.m.	W. P. Patton ..	J. F. Goodwin .....
109	aAlbion .....	Harrowsmith .....	F. on or b.f.m.	F. S. Wartman ..	Jas. Cook .....
110	aCentral .....	Prescott .....	First Tuesday.	Caleb Rose .....	H. H. Wells .....
113	aWilson .....	Waterford .....	W. on or b.f.m.	W. Massecar....	Jos. Saunders .....
114	aHope .....	Port Hope .....	First Thursday	T. H. Bull .....	W. G. Coulter(acting)
115	aVly .....	Beamsville .....	T. on or b.f.m.	John Keith .....	Thos. A. Simpson....
116	aCassia .....	Thedford .....	M. on or b.f.m.	John G. Brown ..	D. H. Burley .....
118	Union .....	Schomberg .....	M. on or b.f.m.	John Brydon ..	W. J. Brereton .....
119	aMaple Leaf .....	Bath .....	Monday b.f.m.	Max Robinson ..	F. W. Armstrong....
120	Warren .....	Fingal .....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Mal'm Campbell	S. E. Burwell .....
121	aDoric .....	Brantford .....	Tuesday a.f.m.	Jas. G. Liddell ..	P. G. Walsh .....
122	aRenfrew .....	Renfrew .....	First Monday ..	Wm. H. Tait .....	M. McKinnon .....
123	aThe Belleville .....	Belleville .....	First Thursday	Richard Waters.	Thos. Mills .....
125	aCornwall .....	Cornwall .....	First Tuesday.	E. Graveley, M. D.	T. A. Norris .....
126	aGolden Rule .....	Campbellford .....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	John Macoun ..	Ed Peppard .....
127	Frank .....	Frankford .....	Monday b.f.m.	W. Scott .....	David Barriger....
128	aPembroke .....	Pembroke .....	First Thursday	J. H. Burritt ..	J. C. Stewart .....
129	The Rising Sun .....	Aurora .....	First Friday ..	Anthony Devlin	A. S. Redditt .....
131	aSt. Lawrence .....	Southampton .....	Tu. on or a.f.m.	John McAulay ..	W. J. Holden .....
133	aLebanon Forest .....	Exeter .....	M. on or b.f.m.	H. Spackman ..	M. Eacrett .....
135	aSt. Clair .....	Milton .....	Th. on or b.f.m.	J. T. Elliott ..	John Lyon .....
136	Richardson .....	Stouffville .....	W. on or b.f.m.	John McDonald	D. McMurphy .....
137	aPythagoras .....	Meaford .....	F. nearest f.m.	Jas. Sparling ..	Gus. A. Paul .....
139	Lebanon .....	Oshawa .....	Second Tues. ...	Francis Rae, M. D.	James McCan .....
140	aMalahide .....	Aylmer .....	W. on or b.f.m.	John Richardson	W. W. Rutherford ..
141	aTudor .....	Mitchell .....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	E. G. Wood, M. D.	Wm White .....
142	aExcelsior .....	Morrisburg .....	F. on or b.f.m.	S. B. Fell .....	S. R. Loucks .....
143	aFriendly Brothers .....	Iroquois .....	W. b. f. m. ...	T. A. Thompson ..	S. Larne .....
144	aTecumseh .....	Stratford .....	First Thursday	Wm. Boles .....	A. Denne .....
145	aJ. B. Hall .....	Millbrook .....	Second Thur ..	II. Turner, M. D.	H. McCartney .....
146	aPrince of Wales .....	Newburgh .....	Wed. b. f. m. ...	Robt. Longmore	John Jackson .....
147	aMississippi .....	Almonte .....	First Fri .....	W. P. McEwen ..	Rob't Pollock .....
148	aCivil Service .....	Ottawa .....	Second Tues. ...	S. C. D. Roper ..	T. D. Green .....
149	aErie .....	Port Dover .....	M. on or b.f.m.	Josiah Varey ..	L. Skey .....
151	The Grand River .....	Berlin .....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	C. L. Peterson ..	John MacQuillan ..
153	aBurns .....	Wyoming .....	Th. on or b.f.m.	J. M. Wilson ..	W. Newell, M. D.
154	aIrving .....	Lucan .....	Th. on or b.f.m.	C. C. Hodgins ..	A. B. Empey .....
155	aPeterboro' .....	Peterboro' .....	First Friday ..	W. J. Martin ..	Wm. Hamilton, jr.
156	aYork .....	Eglington .....	F. on or b.f.m.	R. W. Hull .....	Jas. E. Brown .....
157	Simpson .....	Newboro' .....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Jas. R. Govel ..	J. H. Butler .....

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Initial'd.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Wid'n.	Deaths.	S.N.P.D	S.U.M.C	Expel'd.	Rest'd.	Total Memb's.	Last Returns.	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
												Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
2	1	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	36	Decem., 1889	\$ 23 75	...	\$ 22 75
...	6	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	17	Decem., 1887	0 00	...	—
6	...	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	76	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	48 50
10	9	7	3	1	1	...	...	...	2	41	"	0 00	...	36 75
4	3	2	...	5	1	3	...	...	3	65	"	0 00	...	44 25
9	10	8	2	4	1	...	...	...	...	66	"	0 00	...	102 00
...	10	8	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	61	Decem., 1885	8 50	...	—
16	...	...	1	3	...	4	...	2	...	123	June, 1889.	0 00	...	77 50
12	11	9	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	29	Decem., 1889	8 00	...	10 00
5	4	3	...	5	1	1	...	2	...	76	"	69 00	...	22 00
5	5	0	...	...	1	1	...	3	...	106	"	...	2 00	83 50
6	7	8	...	1	1	2	...	1	...	56	"	0 00	...	47 00
7	6	4	3	4	...	...	...	1	...	105	"	0 00	...	63 25
2	2	2	3	3	1	10	...	1	...	101	"	0 00	...	61 75
...	6	6	5	3	...	...	...	1	...	22	"	0 00	...	44 75
8	3	3	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	90	"	0 00	...	19 00
4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	47	"	0 00	...	61 75
...	1	1	3	2	1	...	...	2	...	43	June, 1889.	0 00	...	35 25
1	6	5	1	7	...	...	...	1	...	44	"	0 00	...	76 00
2	2	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	69	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	13 00
6	6	7	...	...	1	2	...	1	...	61	"	0 00	...	44 25
8	9	6	6	2	...	...	...	1	...	99	"	0 00	...	34 00
...	2	1	2	1	1	...	...	1	...	84	"	0 00	...	63 50
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	"	0 00	...	66 50
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	"	0 00	...	33 25
...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	46	Decem., 1888	14 50	...	49 50
...	6	4	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	14	Decem., 1884	0 00	...	18 50
10	9	5	1	2	5	3	...	1	...	51	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	—
3	5	6	1	1	...	6	...	...	...	82	"	0 00	...	30 00
7	7	6	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	40	"	10 00	...	55 00
2	2	1	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	55	"	0 00	...	38 00
...	1	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	40	"	0 00	...	21 50
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51	"	0 00	...	49 75
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	"	3 00	...	15 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	"	0 00	...	18 75
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	"	0 00	...	13 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	"	0 00	...	12 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	"	...	9 00	81 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54	"	0 00	...	49 50
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	116	"	0 00	...	132 50
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	June, 1889.	12 00	...	25 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	Decem., 1889	47 80	...	14 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	"	51 75	...	—
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	91	"	...	2 00	67 50
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	June, 1889.	29 00	...	—
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	17 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76	"	0 00	...	77 75
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	"	0 00	...	39 75
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	June, 1889.	0 00	...	12 50
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	41 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58	"	0 00	...	32 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	Decem., 1888	0 00	...	—
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	Decem., 1889	2 00	...	20 50
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	72	"	...	2 00	63 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	"	4 00	...	29 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74	"	...	2 00	43 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	Decem., 1888	0 00	...	25 50
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	41 25
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	"	0 00	...	48 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	"	0 00	...	37 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	"	0 00	...	26 75
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	81	"	0 00	...	79 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	"	10 50	...	35 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61	"	0 00	...	33 75
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	98	"	...	2 00	54 25
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	79	June, 1889.	0 00	...	83 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61	"	1 00	...	29 00

## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24th JUNE,

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
158	a Alexandra . . . .	Oil Springs . . . .	Th. on or a. f. m.	W. C. Browne . . . .	W. Miller . . . . .
159	a Goodwood . . . .	Richmond . . . .	First Tues . . . .	F. McCaffrey . . . .	Jas. McElroy . . . .
161	a Percy . . . . .	Warkworth . . . .	Wed b f m . . . .	J. Humphries . . . .	J. S. Drewry . . . .
162	a Star . . . . .	Wroxeter . . . . .	M. on or b. f. m.	J. Ireland . . . . .	John S. Ireland . . . .
164	a Star in the East . .	Wellington . . . .	Tu. on or b f m . .	F A Burlingham . . .	J. D. Wilson . . . . .
165	a Burlington . . . .	Burlington . . . .	W. on or b f m . .	Geo. Ferguson . . . .	W. G. Nelles . . . . .
166	a Wentworth . . . .	Stoney Creek . . .	M. on or b. f. m.	R. N. Dewar . . . .	R. G. Marshall . . . .
168	a Merritt . . . . .	Welland . . . . .	M. on or b f. m.	Wm. Spearman . . . .	J. H. Howell . . . . .
169	a McMab . . . . .	Pt. Colborne . . . .	Tu. on or b f. m.	D. W. McKay . . . .	C. J. Augustin . . . .
170	a Britannia . . . . .	Seaforth . . . . .	First Mon. . . . .	W. J. Fear . . . . .	John Steet . . . . .
171	a Prince of Wales . .	Iona . . . . .	F. on or a f m . . .	Frank R. Else . . . .	J. W. Brown . . . . .
172	a Ayr . . . . .	Ayr . . . . .	Tu. on or b f m . .	Wm. Willison . . . .	A. J. Reid . . . . .
174	a Walsingham . . . .	Port Rowan . . . .	Th. on or b. f. m.	E. Smith . . . . .	James Ryan . . . . .
176	a Spartan . . . . .	Sparta . . . . .	M. on or b f m . .	S. Bailey . . . . .	F. A. Henderson . . . .
177	The Builders' . . . .	Ottawa . . . . .	Second Friday . . .	H. H. Cairns . . . .	Geo. McNeill . . . . .
178	a Plattsville . . . .	Plattsville . . . .	F. on or b f m . . .	Rich'd Hewitt . . . .	Geo. Saur . . . . .
180	a Speed . . . . .	Guelph . . . . .	First Tuesday . . .	John Scoon . . . . .	Wm. Parker . . . . .
181	a Oriental . . . . .	Port Burwell . . . .	T. on or b f m . . .	W. S. Davidson . . . .	D. M. Chute . . . . .
183	a Prince Albert . . . .	Port Perry . . . . .	F. on or b f m . . .	A. J. Davis . . . . .	James Baird . . . . .
184	a Old Light . . . . .	Lucknow . . . . .	Th. on or b f m . .	Harry Days . . . . .	R. Findlater . . . . .
185	a Enniskillen . . . . .	York . . . . .	M. on or b f m . . .	John Senn . . . . .	Wm. Clarke . . . . .
186	a Plantagenet . . . .	Plantagenet . . . .	M. on or b. f. m.	John Smith . . . . .	E. C. Wight . . . . .
190	a Belmont . . . . .	Belmont . . . . .	F. on or b. f. m.	D. Ferguson . . . . .	John Boyd . . . . .
192	a Orillia . . . . .	Orillia . . . . .	F. on or a. f. m.	T. H. Robinson . . . .	Wm. Ironside . . . . .
193	a Scotland . . . . .	Scotland . . . . .	M. on or b. f. m.	L. A. Winegarden . . .	Thos. Kerr . . . . .
194	a Petrolia . . . . .	Petrolia . . . . .	Second Wed . . . .	Rob't Jackson . . . .	Rob't Scott . . . . .
195	a The Tuscan . . . .	London . . . . .	First Mon. . . . .	Edwin Paull . . . . .	R. B. Hungerford . . . .
196	a Madawaska . . . .	Arnprior . . . . .	Th. on or b. f. m.	L. C. Corbett . . . . .	J. E. Thompson . . . .
197	a Saugeen . . . . .	Walkerton . . . . .	Second Tues . . . .	C. F. Harris . . . . .	H. E. McKay . . . . .
200	a St. Alban's . . . .	Mount Forest . . . .	F. on or b. f. m.	W. G. Scott . . . . .	W. T. Watts . . . . .
201	a Leeds . . . . .	Gananoque . . . . .	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Geo. Gillies . . . . .	Jas. Hayward . . . . .
203	a Irvine . . . . .	Elora . . . . .	F. b. f. m. . . . .	Jas. Clarke . . . . .	John Macdonald . . . .
205	a New Dominion . . .	N. Hamburg . . . .	M. on or a. f. m.	F'dkHMcCallum . . . .	Wm. Miller . . . . .
207	a Lancaster . . . . .	Lancaster . . . . .	W. on or b f m . .	J. P. Snider . . . . .	Jas. Urquhart . . . . .
209a	a St. John's . . . . .	London . . . . .	Sec. Thursday . . .	A. Carrothers . . . .	John Siddons . . . . .
209	a Evergreen . . . . .	Lanark . . . . .	First Tuesday . . .	Joseph Bond . . . . .	W. A. Field . . . . .
212	a Elysian . . . . .	Garden Island . . . .	First Monday . . . .	Thos. Lappen . . . . .	Rich. Raymond . . . .
214	a Craig . . . . .	Ailsa Craig . . . . .	M. on or a. f. m.	J. T. Owen . . . . .	J. R. Anderson . . . . .
215	a Lake . . . . .	Ameliasburg . . . .	M. on or b f m . . .	H. G. Stafford . . . .	James E. Glenn . . . .
216	a Harris . . . . .	Orangeville . . . . .	Tu. on or b. f. m.	J. C. Browne . . . . .	Geo. Irwin . . . . .
217	a Frederick . . . . .	Delhi . . . . .	M. on or b. f. m.	Wm. Corlett . . . . .	H. C. Hilliker . . . . .
218	a Stevenson . . . . .	Toronto . . . . .	Sec. Monday . . . .	James Baird . . . . .	Hy. Kerrison . . . . .
219	a Credit . . . . .	Georgetown . . . . .	F. on or b f m . . .	Sam. Beaumont . . . .	Thos. J. Wheeler . . . .
220	a Zeradatha . . . . .	Uxbridge . . . . .	M. on or b. f. m.	Sam'l Todd . . . . .	M. H. Crosby . . . . .
221	a Mountain . . . . .	Thorold . . . . .	W. on or b. f. m.	R. Campbell . . . . .	Wm. T. Fish . . . . .
222	a Marmora . . . . .	Marmora . . . . .	Tu. b f. moon . . . .	John L. Auger . . . . .	A. G. Lanigan . . . . .
223	a Norwood . . . . .	Norwood . . . . .	Tu. on or b f m . . .	J. A. Harper . . . . .	W. O. Richardson . . . .
224	a Zurich . . . . .	Hensall . . . . .	Th. on or b. f. m.	C. Benedict . . . . .	Jas. Bounthron . . . . .
225	a Bernard . . . . .	Listowel . . . . .	W. on or b. f. m.	John Watson . . . . .	J. J. Foster (acting). . .
228	a Prince Arthur . . . .	Odessa . . . . .	M. a f. moon . . . .	L. Hartman . . . . .	J. W. Denyes . . . . .
229	a Ionic . . . . .	Brampton . . . . .	W. on or b f m . . .	J. J. Manning . . . . .	A. F. Dick . . . . .
230	a Kerr . . . . .	Barrie . . . . .	Fourth Monday . . .	Jas. C. Morgan . . . .	John Hood . . . . .
231	a Lodge of Fidelity . .	Ottawa . . . . .	Third Tuesday . . .	W. H. Jessop . . . . .	E. C. Roper . . . . .
232	a Cameron . . . . .	Dutton . . . . .	W. on or b f m . . .	W. H. Nelson . . . . .	J. C. Price . . . . .
233	a Doric . . . . .	Park Hill . . . . .	Tu. on or b f m . . .	Wm. Dawson . . . . .	D. H. Cameron . . . . .
234	a Beaver . . . . .	Clarksburg . . . . .	Tu. on or b f m . . .	C. W. Hartman . . . . .	J. H. Dickinson . . . . .
235	a Aldworth . . . . .	Paisley . . . . .	F. on or b f m . . .	W. W. Brown . . . . .	A. Megraw . . . . .
236	a Manitoba . . . . .	Cookstown . . . . .	Th. on or a. f. m.	Robt. McCluskey . . . .	T. S. Patterson . . . . .
237	a Vienna . . . . .	Vienna . . . . .	F. on or b. f. m.	John H. Teall . . . . .	Geo. Thornton . . . . .
238	a Havelock . . . . .	W. afford . . . . .	Tu. b. f. moon . . .	F. Goodier . . . . .	David Watt . . . . .
239	a Tweed . . . . .	Tweed . . . . .	F. on or b f m . . .	W. I. Easterbrook . . . .	Wm. Wray . . . . .
241	a Quince . . . . .	Shannonville . . . .	Tu. on or a f m . . .	Geo. Greatrix . . . . .	M. B. Lake . . . . .
242	a Macoy . . . . .	Mallarytown . . . .	M. on or b f m . . .	J. C. Dickey . . . . .	Allen McDonald . . . . .
243	a St. George . . . . .	St. George . . . . .	Th. on or b f m . . .	J. P. Lawrason . . . . .	J. H. Fleming . . . . .
245	a Tecumseh . . . . .	Thamesville . . . . .	Tu. on or b. f. m.	B. Gregory . . . . .	John Davidson . . . . .
247	a Ashlar . . . . .	Toronto . . . . .	Fourth Tues . . . .	W. R. Clarke . . . . .	H. B. Howson . . . . .

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Initiat'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Wid'n.	Deaths.	S.N.P.D.	S.U.M.C.	Expeld.	Rest'd.	Total Memb's.	Last returns.	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
												Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
1	1	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	39	Decem., 1889.	0 00	...	24 25
7	6	6	1	6	2	...	...	...	...	54	"	0 00	...	49 50
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	"	0 00	...	30 75
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	"	0 00	...	22 00
1	1	2	1	2	3	...	...	...	1	48	"	0 00	...	48 50
2	2	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	48	"	0 00	...	34 50
4	4	6	2	2	3	4	...	...	1	47	"	1 00	...	40 00
8	9	12	2	2	3	4	...	...	1	84	"	0 00	...	73 00
1	5	5	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	59	"	30 00	...	24 50
...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	82	"	0 00	...	51 50
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	June, 1889...	0 00	...	36 25
6	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	"	14 00	...	17 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	Decem., 1889.	193 75	...	8 00
1	2	1	...	2	1	3	...	...	...	29	"	0 00	...	15 75
2	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	71	"	...	2 00	74 75
4	3	3	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	36	"	0 00	...	26 00
1	1	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	95	"	0 00	...	63 25
...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	1	31	"	0 00	...	27 00
4	4	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	44	"	130 00	...	30 00
4	2	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	41	"	...	2 00	29 50
4	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	June, 1889...	0 00	...	19 00
5	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	20	Decem., 1889.	0 00	...	—
1	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	23	"	0 00	...	15 75
6	8	8	2	2	1	18	1	...	...	122	"	62 25	...	97 00
1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	23	"	0 00	...	18 00
8	7	5	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	60	"	0 00	...	52 50
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51	"	...	19 25	98 25
1	1	1	7	3	2	...	...	...	...	43	June, 1889.	...	2 00	32 25
4	4	3	4	...	2	...	...	1	...	47	Decem., 1889.	0 00	...	36 50
2	4	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	35	"	0 00	...	48 00
5	7	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	...	73	"	0 00	...	67 00
3	3	1	3	5	1	...	...	...	...	51	Decem., 18 8.	0 00	...	23 50
1	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	29	June, 1889.	0 00	...	15 50
1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	22	"	0 00	...	10 00
22	18	14	1	5	3	10	...	...	3	166	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	127 75
2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	39	June, 1889.	0 00	...	16 00
4	4	...	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	31	June, 1888.	0 00	...	—
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	"	0 00	...	—
8	8	7	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	33	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	47 00
4	9	12	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	71	"	0 00	...	121 25
1	1	1	...	1	...	3	...	1	...	35	"	0 00	...	33 50
13	14	14	...	2	8	...	...	...	...	164	"	0 00	...	172 50
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	"	0 00	...	40 00
8	7	7	1	...	7	...	...	1	...	54	"	0 00	...	49 75
8	1	11	2	4	3	8	...	5	...	72	"	0 00	...	59 50
1	1	3	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	52	"	0 00	...	44 50
8	7	2	15	4	...	...	...	...	...	31	Decem., 1887	2 00	...	1 50
...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	29	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	21 75
11	12	...	2	3	3	...	...	...	...	77	"	0 00	...	51 25
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	Decem., 18 7	0 00	...	—
4	4	5	5	3	...	9	...	1	...	75	Decem., 1888	0 00	...	—
6	6	3	...	2	1	4	...	...	...	82	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	57 50
7	4	4	2	...	1	2	...	...	...	44	"	32 50	...	21 50
10	9	9	1	2	1	2	...	...	...	34	"	11 25	...	59 75
1	1	1	...	1	...	4	...	1	...	39	June, 1889.	0 00	...	13 50
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	24 75
...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	39	"	9 50	...	7 50
3	2	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	"	0 00	...	43 50
...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	"	...	1 50	20 00
5	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	June, 1889.	0 00	...	32 50
8	8	8	3	5	...	1	...	...	...	40	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	28 50
6	6	5	1	3	...	2	...	...	...	19	"	0 00	...	30 25
2	5	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	51	"	0 00	...	36 25
6	5	6	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	54	"	0 00	...	44 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	June, 1888.	...	2 00	—
6	5	5	7	9	...	4	...	1	...	139	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	97 75

## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24th JUNE,

No.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
249	aCaledonian	Midland	Second Tues.	Chas. A. Phillips	R. Raikes, M.D.
250	Thistle	Embro	Th. on or b.f.m.	G. M. Creighton.	T. Holahan
253	aMinden	Kingston	First Monday	James Adams.	J. B. Reid
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	Th. on or b.f.m.	M. P. McMaster.	H. Preston
255	Sydenham	Dresden	W. on or a.f.m.	J. B. Carscallen.	R. P. Wright
256	aFarran's Point	Farran's Point	First Wednes	John M. Cook	C. S. Ault
257	aGalt	Galt	First Tuesday	John Shupe	Hugh Wallace
258	Guelph	Guelph	Second Tues.	John Beckman	G. J. Brill
259	Springfield	Springfield	M. on or b.f.m.	H.T. Honsberger	J. B. Lucas
260	aWashington	Petrolia	First Tuesday	E. G. Scott	A. J. Perrin
261	aOak Branch	Innerkip	Thu. b.f.moon	D. Leitch	John McFarlane
262	aHarriston	Harriston	M. on or a.f.m.	Alex. Wyness	Alex. Michie
263	aForest	Forest	W. on or b.f.m.	W. G. Griggs	P. W. Campbell
264	aChaudiere	Ottawa	Fourth Tues.	Robt. Stewart	W. A. Bangs
265	Patterson	Thornhill	Th. on or b.f.m.	John C. Steele	James McDonald
266	aNorthern Light	Stayner	Tu. on or b.f.m.	C. E. Jakeway	F. J. Jewell
267	aParthenon	Chatham	First Wednes	J. B. Rankin	Jas. Winterburn
268	aVerulam	Bobcaygeon	Last Friday	C. E. Stewart	R. Ventress
269	aBrougham Union	Brougham	W. on or b.f.m.	Robt. W. Ward	D. W. Ferries
270	aCedar	Oshawa	Fourth Tues	John Lauder	L. K. Murtion
271	Wellington	Erin	W. on or b.f.m.	Doug'd Campbell	Wm. Conboy
272	Seymour	Ancaster	W. on or b.f.m.	Peter Middleton	George Moore
274	aKent	Blenheim	M. on or b.f.m.	W. G. Collins	Chas. Senior
276	Teeswater	Teeswater	F. on or b.f.m.	H. W. Carter	J. Whytock
277	aSeymour	Pt. Dalhousie	W. on or b.f.m.	Geo. Powell	A. Kelly
278	Mystic	Roslin	Th. b. f. moon	Henry Judson	C. Hudson, jr.
279	New Hope	Hespeler	W. on or b.f.m.	A. H. Wittmaak	Chris. Pabst
282	Lorne	Glencoe	Th. on or b.f.m.	G. M. Harrison	W. J. French
283	aEureka	Belleville	W. after f. moon	Henry McIninch	W. J. Diamond
284	aSt. John's	Brussels	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. M. Sinclair	John Shaw
285	Seven Star	Alliston	W. on or b.f.m.	H. S. Brennen	H. McC. Wright
286	aWingham	Wingham	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. H. Hiscocks	J. A. Morton
287	aShuniah	Port Arthur	Tu. on or b.f.m.	A. More	Geo. Mooring
289	aDoric	Lobo	Th. on or b.f.m.	John Dewar	P. L. Graham, M.D.
290	aLeamington	Leamington	Tu. on or b.f.m.	G. C. Foster	W. A. Piper
291	aDufferin	W. Flamboro'	Th. on or b.f.m.	Geo. H. Ford	Alfred Jones
292	aRobertson	Nobleton	W. on or b.f.m.	T. H. Robinson	Gilbert Gilmour
293	aTeRoy's Isol. Mth'r	Jerusalem Pal.	First Wednes	W. H. Kayat	C. N. Tadors
294	aMoore	Mooreton	Th. on or b.f.m.	F. B. Wilkinson	Wm. Brown
295	aConestogo	Drayton	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Levi C. Dicks	John Gordon
296	aTemple	St. Catharines	Last Wednes.	DC Hetherington	J. C. Norris
297	Preston	Preston	F. on or b.f.m.	W. D. Hepburn	J. Baltzer
299	Victoria	Centreville	F. on or b.f.m.	J. M. Lockridge	Robert Cox
300	aMount Olivet	Thornedale	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Geo. Mathison	W. H. Salmon
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	Third Thurs.	Alex. Hess	J. Z. Long
303	aBlyth	Blyth	Tu. on or a.f.m.	S. H. Gidley	Chas. E. Tanner
304	aMinerva	Stroud	Tu. on or b.f.m.	E. T. McConkey	Wm. Badger
305	aHumber	Weston	W. on or b.f.m.	Farrer Ineson	Jacob Bull
306	Durham	Durham	Tu. on or b.f.m.	John P. Telford	Geo. Russell
307	aArkona	Arkona	Th. on or h.f.m.	Jas. Jackson	Nelson George
308	aGrafton	Grafton	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. W. Boyce	Wm. Lawless
309	aMorning Star	Smith's Hill	W. on or b.f.m.	R. J. Hueston	D. M. Gorden
311	aBlackwood	Woodbridge	F. on or b.f.m.	T. A. Agar	N. McD. Burton
312	aPnyx	Wallaceburg	M. on or b.f.m.	Samuel Stewart	E. Stevens
313	aClementi	Lakefield	First Tuesday	J. F. Lillierap	R. Q. Dench
314	aBlair	Palmerston	Friday a.f.m.	Rich'd Johnston	H. Clements
315	Clifford	Clifford	Third Monday	R. E. Biggar	J. A. Grey
316	aDoric	Toronto	Third Thurs	Wm. McCartney	Fred Bryers
318	Wilmot	Baden	F. on or a.f.m.	Edward Roth	Alfred Kaufman
319	aHiram	Hagersville	Th. on or b.f.m.	R. McDonald, M.D.	P. F. Jones, M.D.
320	aChesterville	Chesterville	M. on or b.f.m.	Thomas Smirl	J. G. Gillespie
321	aWalker	Action West	M. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Stark	W. R. Kenney
322	aNorth Star	Owen Sound	Wed a.f.moon	Geo. Inglis	J. C. Forster
323	aAlvinston	Alvinston	W. on or b.f.m.	John Conn.	Thomas McKay
324	aTemple	Hamilton	Second Tues	H. N. Kittson	E. G. Kittson, M.D.
325	aOrono	Orono	Th. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Thompson	W. Armstrong

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Initia'd.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With'd.	Deaths.	S.N. P.D.	S.U.M.C.	Expos's.	Rest'ns.	Total Memb's.	Last returns.	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
												Dr. balance.	Cr. bal'ce.	
.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	41	June, 1889.	\$ 23 00	.....	\$ 33 50
2	1	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	"	0 00	.....	20 00
5	6	4	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	Decem., 1889	0 00	.....	45 25
1	1	1	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	"	0 00	.....	43 25
7	6	5	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	"	0 00	.....	29 00
6	6	5	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	"	0 00	.....	45 00
7	4	4	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	"	.....	2 00	118 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86	June, 1889.	.....	2 00	57 50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	Decem., 1888	0 00	.....	.....
1	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	June, 1889.	0 00	.....	51 50
1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	Decem., 1889	3 25	.....	19 00
2	2	2	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	"	0 00	.....	32 00
2	2	3	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	1	48	"	.....	6 00	33 50
2	2	.....	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	76	"	0 00	.....	51 25
7	7	5	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	"	0 00	.....	24 75
7	7	5	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	"	0 00	.....	43 00
1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	"	0 00	.....	32 50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	"	0 00	.....	18 50
11	10	1	5	4	2	.....	.....	.....	3	42	"	0 00	.....	23 50
6	5	4	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	59	"	.....	2 00	31 50
1	1	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	"	0 00	.....	50 00
1	1	1	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	"	17 50	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	"	0 00	.....	37 00
1	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	June, 1889.	0 00	.....	10 75
1	3	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	Decem., 1889	0 00	.....	22 00
10	7	5	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	"	0 00	.....	12 25
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	"	0 00	.....	35 25
6	1	1	1	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	June, 1889.	35 00	.....	.....
9	7	7	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	Decem., 1889	0 00	.....	23 25
2	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	"	0 00	.....	35 25
1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	June, 1889.	0 00	.....	38 00
13	9	6	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	27	Decem., 1889	0 00	.....	16 50
3	3	3	.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....	1	95	"	0 00	.....	88 75
9	7	7	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	"	0 00	.....	45 25
3	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	"	0 00	.....	50 25
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	June, 1889.	0 00	.....	11 50
6	6	6	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	June, 1888.	0 00	.....	.....
1	1	.....	2	4	1	.....	.....	.....	1	22	June, 1889.	0 00	.....	22 50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	Decem., 1889	0 00	.....	19 25
2	2	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	June, 1889.	5 25	.....	17 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	Decem., 1889	0 00	.....	44 25
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	"	0 00	.....	16 50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	"	0 00	.....	44 50
19	17	15	2	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	28	June 1889	0 00	.....	18 00
1	3	4	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95	"	0 00	.....	69 25
.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	Decem., 1889	0 00	.....	36 50
1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	"	5 50	.....	6 50
1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	"	0 00	.....	28 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	June, 1889	0 00	.....	12 75
2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	"	0 00	.....	22 00
2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	"	.....	.....	.....
2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	Decem., 1889	.....	2 00	32 00
2	2	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	"	0 00	.....	39 25
2	1	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	90	"	.....	1 00	61 25
3	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	"	0 00	.....	20 50
5	5	6	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	51	"	.....	2 00	44 00
6	6	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	Decem., 1889	0 00	.....	15 25
10	11	12	2	5	1	.....	.....	.....	4	122	"	0 00	.....	138 75
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	June, 1889.	0 00	.....	15 50
7	7	6	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	"	.....	2 00	36 00
1	3	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	Decem., 1889	0 00	.....	49 75
4	3	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	"	0 00	.....	16 00
1	10	5	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	75	Decem., 1888	.....	4 00	.....
4	3	3	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	June, 1889.	0 00	.....	34 50
25	1	20	7	4	2	.....	.....	.....	1	179	Decem., 1889	0 00	.....	150 25
3	3	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	"	0 00	.....	26 75

## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24th JUNE,

No.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
326	αZetland.....	Toronto.....	Fourth Mon..	Hugh J. Craig..	H. W. L. Vigeon ...
327	The Hammond...	Wardsville...	Third Tuesday.	Henry A Willson	D. Johnston.....
328	αIonic.....	Napier.....	F. b. f. m.	W. L. Toohill...	H. Thompson.....
329	αKing Solomon.	Jarvis.....	F. on or b. f. m.	James Noble....	David Hill.....
330	αCorinthian.....	London East..	First Tuesday.	J. Gardiner, M.D.	H. C. Simpson.....
331	Fordwich.....	Fordwich.....	Th. on or b. f. m.	Fred. Donaghy..	J. C. Bell.....
332	Stratford.....	Stratford.....	Sec. Mon.....	ST Robertson...	I. Baker.....
333	Prince Arthur...	Flesherton...	F. on or b. f. m.	W. J. Bellamy...	R. J. Sproule.....
334	αPrince Arthur...	Arthur.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	J. T. Neil.....	F. J. Coleman.....
335	αLangton.....	Langton.....	M. on or b. f. m.	O. D. Dewitt....	G. E. Smith.....
336	αHighgate.....	Highgate.....	W. on or b. f. m.	W. S. Backus...	John G. Crosby...
337	αMyrtle.....	Pt Robinson..	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Thos. Sowersby..	W. H. Andrews...
338	Dufferin.....	Wellandport..	Tu. on or b. f. m.	J. R. Goring.....	J. E. Cohoe.....
339	αOrient.....	Don Mount...	First Tues.....	E. Sanderson...	H. Tolhurst.....
340	αSt. John's.....	Pittsburg.....	W. b. f. m.....	Rev. J. Gallagher	Alf. Brown.....
341	αBruce.....	Tiverton.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Wm. Henders...	John Walker.....
342	Hiram.....	Wolfe Island..	F. on or b. f. m.	D. Cattanaack...	R. Horne.....
343	Georgina.....	Sutton.....	Th. on or b. f. m.	Theo. C. Howard	F. G. Tremayne...
344	Merrill.....	Dorchester Sta.	Th. on or b. f. m.	A. Graham.....	E. T. Shaw.....
345	Nilestown.....	Nilestown.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	H. Hart.....	A. R. Rowat.....
346	αOccident.....	Toronto.....	First Wed.....	Rob't Charlton..	J. C. Jardine.....
347	αMercer.....	Fergus.....	Th. a. f. m.....	J. I. Craig.....	Jas. Beattie.....
348	αGeorgian.....	Penetang'sh'n.	First Thur.....	C. McGibbon...	H. Jennings.....
352	αGranite.....	Parry Sound..	W. on or b. f. m.	Jas. Moffat.....	D. Macfarlane...
354	αBrock.....	Cannington...	W. on or b. f. m.	M. L. Nutting...	S. T. Sheridan...
356	αRiver Park.....	Streetsville...	Tu. on or b. f. m.	A. Findlay.....	F. W. Morgan.....
357	Waterdown.....	Waterdown...	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Henry Clark.....	T. O. Page.....
358	αDelaware Valley.	Delaware.....	F. on or b. f. m.	W. A. Guest.....	W. C. Harris.....
359	αVittoria.....	Vittoria.....	F. on or b. f. m.	J. E. Butler.....	D. W. McCall....
360	αMuskoka.....	Bracebridge..	Tu. on or b. f. m.	J. C. Nelson.....	Isaac Huber.....
361	αWaverley.....	Guelph.....	Fourth Mon...	R. Howie.....	G. M. Gibbs.....
362	αMaple Leaf.....	Tara.....	M. on or b. f. m.	G. W. Campbell..	C. E. Start.....
363	αFrontenac.....	Cataraqui.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	.....	.....
364	αDufferin.....	Melbourne...	W. on or b. f. m.	D. A. Sinclair...	Thos. Cooper.....
366	αEuclid.....	Strathroy.....	Th. b. f. m.....	John Pool.....	R. S. McGowan...
367	αSt. George.....	Toronto.....	First Friday...	Wm. Riddle.....	Alf. E. Gault.....
368	Salem.....	Brockville...	Second Mon...	N. B. Colcock...	E. A. Geiger.....
369	αMinico.....	Lambton.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	O. L. Hicks.....	Edmund C. Davies.
370	Harmony.....	Delta.....	W. on or a. f. m.	Alex. Stevens...	R. J. Whaley.....
371	αPrince of Wales.	Ottawa.....	Fourth Friday	John B. Wright..	J. J. Mulligan...
372	αPalmer.....	Victoria.....	Tu. on or a. f. m.	John E. Edwards	Wm. Thompson...
373	αCopestone.....	Welland.....	First Thur.....	W. G. Somerville	Thos. Main.....
374	αKeene.....	Keene.....	Th. on or b. f. m.	Rob't J. McCannes	John M. Shaw, M. D.
375	αLorne.....	Omemee.....	First Thur.....	Abram Laidley..	Geo. Edward.....
376	αUnity.....	Huntsville...	First Wed.....	L. McKenney...	Chas. Morley.....
377	αLorne.....	Shelburne...	First Friday...	Ben. Tansley...	A. Smith.....
378	αKing Solomon's.	Petersville...	Third Wed.....	J. M. Smith, M.D.	Wm. Nicholl.....
379	αMiddlesex.....	Bryanston...	W. on or b. f. m.	W. G. Shoebottom	J. Nicholson.....
380	αUnion.....	London.....	Second Mon...	R. B. Walker.....	Geo. Hampton...
382	Doric.....	Hamilton.....	Third Mon.....	C. V. Emory, M.D.	Geo. Webb.....
383	αHenderson.....	W. Winchester	First Tues.....	R. Reddick, M.D.	Byron Lane.....
384	αAlpha.....	Parkdale.....	First Thur.....	G. S. Booth.....	W. H. Allison...
385	αSpry.....	Beeton.....	W. on or a. f. m.	Jas. Earley.....	J. R. Croft.....
386	αMcColl.....	West Lorne...	Tu. a. f. m.....	M. Dykes.....	R. McFate.....
387	αLansdowne.....	Lansdowne...	Th. on or b. f. m.	S. Tighe.....	Chas. Stewart...
388	Henderson.....	Hiderton.....	M. on or b. f. m.	R. C. Robson...	Jos. H. Patrick...
389	αCrystal Fountain.	N. Augusta...	W. on or b. f. m.	W. H. Love.....	J. Chapman.....
390	αFlorence.....	Florence.....	Th. on or b. f. m.	Jos. W. Clarke...	Walter Drew.....
391	αHoward.....	Ridgetown...	M. on or b. f. m.	B. Paine.....	W. H. Ellsworth...
392	αHuron.....	Camlachie...	W. on or b. f. m.	J. K. Cairns...	A. Trusler.....
393	αForest.....	Chesley.....	First Tuesday.	C. J. Mickle...	John H. Adolph...
394	King Solomon...	Thamesford...	W. on or b. f. m.	E. A. Dundass...	James Baigent...
395	Parvaim.....	Comber.....	Th. on or b. f. m.	A. J. Brown.....	C. W. Scherer...
396	αCedar.....	Warton.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	W. H. Brown...	Jas. Walsley...
397	αLeopold.....	Bridgen.....	W. on or b. f. m.	W. J. Ward.....	H. J. Leacock...
398	Victoria.....	Victoria Road.	Second Tues..	W. R. Cavana...	M. Nelson.....

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Initia'd.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Withd.	Deaths.	S.N.P.D.	S.U.M.C.	Expeld.	Res'd.	Total Membs.	Last Returns.	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
												Dr. Bal.	Cr Bal.	
8	7	9	2	1	...	3	...	...	...	153	Decem., 1889.	0 00	...	126 75
2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	June, 1889.	0 00	...	18 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	Decem., 1889.	0 00	...	18 50
...	7	6	1	4	...	2	...	...	...	38	"	0 00	...	42 75
5	3	6	1	1	...	11	...	...	...	76	"	0 00	...	114 00
3	2	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	96	"	0 00	...	17 50
3	3	3	3	5	1	1	...	...	...	35	"	0 00	...	25 75
1	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	22	"	0 00	...	61 50
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	Decem., 1887.	38 00	...	—
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	Decem., 1883.	0 00	...	—
5	5	5	...	3	2	3	...	...	...	25	Decem. 1889.	0 00	...	34 50
2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	41	"	10 00	...	46 00
1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	29	June, 1889.	57 00	...	3 00
14	11	12	5	4	2	1	...	...	...	151	Decem., 1889.	2 00	...	116 50
4	3	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	21	"	3 00	...	26 75
6	6	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	61	"	0 00	1 00	51 00
...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	21	June, 1889.	78 25	...	6 00
2	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	54	"	0 00	...	23 50
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	Decem., 1889.	0 00	...	15 50
4	4	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	31	"	0 00	...	27 50
21	20	20	6	3	...	3	...	...	1	162	"	0 00	...	119 00
2	2	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	35	"	0 00	...	24 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	June, 1889.	26 00	...	—
4	2	1	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	48	Decem., 1889.	0 00	...	32 50
6	5	4	...	...	1	1	...	...	3	51	"	0 00	...	40 00
4	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	37	"	0 00	...	31 75
...	1	...	...	2	3	2	...	...	...	48	"	0 00	...	31 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	"	52 25	...	1 00
4	5	5	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	42	"	0 00	...	34 50
2	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	"	0 00	...	37 00
5	4	2	1	2	...	12	...	...	...	51	"	0 00	...	58 25
2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	"	0 00	...	48 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	0 00	...	57 25
1	1	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	32	"	34 50	...	3 00
2	4	4	...	3	2	2	...	...	...	57	"	13 15	...	52 50
10	13	12	3	...	4	5	...	...	...	132	June, 1889.	0 00	...	98 50
10	9	8	3	1	...	3	...	...	...	71	Decem., 1889.	0 00	...	58 25
6	7	2	2	1	1	2	...	...	...	63	"	0 00	...	111 00
3	2	6	1	3	2	...	...	...	...	50	June, 1889.	0 00	...	27 50
4	4	5	1	1	1	3	...	...	1	67	Decem., 1889.	0 00	...	44 00
2	2	2	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	33	"	0 00	...	52 00
1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	36	"	0 00	...	29 00
1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	"	0 00	...	14 25
3	3	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	29	"	0 00	...	17 00
5	5	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	33	"	1 75	...	23 00
9	9	8	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	36	June, 1889.	0 00	...	43 50
9	8	8	...	7	...	4	...	...	...	51	Decem., 1889	0 00	2 0	54 00
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	28	"	0 00	...	14 00
12	8	5	1	5	3	23	...	...	1	85	Decem., 1887	0 00	39 75	54 00
12	12	4	...	6	...	8	...	...	...	108	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	90 00
3	1	2	1	6	...	16	...	...	...	22	"	82 25	...	7 00
9	5	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	164	June, 1889.	0 00	2 00	136 75
6	5	5	1	3	...	1	...	...	2	29	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	32 25
6	6	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	39	June, 1884.	21 25	...	25 00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	Decem., 1888	4 50	...	5 25
6	6	6	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	45	Decem., 1889	0 00	...	36 75
9	9	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	"	0 00	...	45 50
3	3	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	27	"	0 00	...	22 75
5	6	7	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	69	"	0 00	...	91 50
1	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	43	"	0 00	...	24 25
...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	31	"	0 00	...	56 25
7	7	6	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	51	"	0 00	...	44 25
5	4	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	32	"	0 00	...	46 50
9	3	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	53	June, 1889.	0 00	...	11 50
2	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	38	Decem., 1888	0 00	...	19 50
8	9	10	1	5	4	1	...	...	...	33	June, 1887.	0 00	...	...

## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24th JUNE,

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
399	Moffat .....	Harrietsville..	W. on or b.f.m	Reuben Lane...	W. W. Jelly .....
400	aOakville .....	Oakville.....	Tu.on or b.f.m.	W. H. Spears....	W. O. Joyce .....
401	aCraig .....	Desoronto.....	First Tues....	Geo. A. Browne..	Jas. F. Stokes... ..
402	aCentral .....	Essex Centre..	W. on or b.f.m	Arthur S. Scott..	E. A. Wismer.....
403	aWindsor .....	Windsor.....	First Fri.....	Jas. S. Edgar....	Geo. D. Adams....
404	Lorne .....	Tamworth.....	F. a. f. m.....	J. H. McLaughlin	H. E. Thornton ...
405	aMattawa .....	Mattawa .....	First Tues .....	R. A. Klock .....	John de Sonsa.....
406	aThe Spry .....	Fenelon Falls..	First Friday...	H. McDougall...	E. Fitzgerald.....
407	Manitoulin .....	Gore Bay .....	M. on or a.f.m.	A. C. McRae.....	H. L. McLean.....
408	Murray .....	Beaverton.....	First Tues....	B. D. Dover.....	P. D. McArthur....
409	aGolden Rule....	Gravenhurst..	M. on or b.f.m	J. C. Davidson...	R. H. Hutchison...
410	aZeta .....	Parkdale .....	Fourth Thur ..	J. G. Dixon.....	E. W. Millar .....
411	aRodney .....	Rodney .....	Th. on or b.f.m	Edwin A. Hugill	Wm. Morris .....
412	aKeystone .....	S. Ste. Marie ..	Tu.on or b.f.m.	G. H. Elliott .....	W. J. Bradley .....
413	aNaphthali .....	Tilbury Centre	Tu.on or b.f.m.	Jas. R. Palmer ..	John Bartley .....
414	Pequonga .....	Rat Portage..	W. on or b.f.m	A. Carmichael..	A. Campbell.....
415	aFort William...	Fort William..	First Wed.....	Fred. C. Perry...	A. D. Sutherland ...
416	Lyn .....	Lyn .....	Tu.on or a.f.m.	Rev. GWGGrout	Geo. A. Hoag.....
417	aKeewatin .....	Keewatin Mls.	First Fri .....	Rob't A. Mather..	S. L. Lent.....
418	aMaxville .....	Maxville .....	Second Tues...	Sam'l Henry.....	J. D. Robertson...
419	aBismarck .....	Point Edward..	Second Mon....	Geo. A. Mitchell	Rob't Abraham....
420	aNipissing .....	North Bay .....	Th on or b.f.m.	W. H. Burgess...	C. M. Ferguson ...
421	aScott .....	Grand Valley..	W. on or b.f.m	W. R. Scott.....	R. R. Hopkins, M.D.
422	Star of the East ..	Bothwell .....	W. on or b.f.m.	W. R. Hickey....	Chas. E. Bayley....
423	Strong .....	Sundridge.....	Third Wed.....	B. Wickett.....	B. McDermott.....
424	Doric .....	Pickering.....	Th.on or b.f.m.	C. Campbell.....	R. M. Bateman....
U.D	St. Clair .....	Port Lambton	Tu.on or b.f.m.	H'y Roebuck....	W. H. McDonald...
	Interest, General Fund .....				
	Asylum Fund .....				
	Sundries .....				
	Total .....				

AND LEDGER BALANCES TO 31st MAY, 1890—[Continued.]

Initiat'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined	Wid'n.	Deaths.	S.N.P.D.	S.U.M.C.	Expel'd.	Restor'd	Total Members	Last Returns.	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
												Dr. balance.	Cr. bal'nce	
11	11	11		1	1				1	14	Decem., 1888	0 00	.....	—
2	2	2	1							72	Decem., 1889	0 00	.....	52 00
3	4	4		1	1	5			5	33	"	0 00	.....	41 25
6	6	6	2	3	1	3				55	Decem., 1888	0 00	4 00	1 00
1	1		1	4	2					47	Decem., 1889	0 00	.....	62 50
17	12	11	1	4	1					31	"	0 00	4 00	21 25
3	3	3		3						65	"	0 00	50	67 50
3	3	3		13						39	"	0 00	12 00	47 75
10	10	9	1							29	"	6 25	.....	25 75
5	5	2		4	1	7			1	42	June, 1889,	0 00	.....	19 00
11	11	10	6							36	Decem., 1889	9 25	.....	34 25
5	7	7		2	1	1				74	"	0 00	.....	71 50
12	12	14	2		1	2				27	"	0 00	2 00	31 75
7	3	3	2		2	2	1			53	June, 1889,	0 00	.....	20 25
5	4	5		2						32	Decem., 1889	2 00	.....	28 00
2	2	3		1						68	"	0 00	.....	51 00
6	7	6		1						38	"	0 00	.....	37 50
6	6	3		1						26	"	0 00	.....	19 75
7	8	7	2							51	"	0 00	.....	69 75
8	10	12	1	5						33	"	0 00	.....	23 50
5	5	5								50	"	0 00	.....	37 25
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1653	1500	1361	385	638	245	579	6	151	20,409			\$1,649 50	\$171 00	\$18,408 69

## DISTRIBUTION OF MONEYS RECEIVED.

Certificates.....	8 2,683 00
Dues.....	10,002 25
Fees.....	1,683 00
Dispensations.....	199 00
Warrants.....	50 00
Constitutions.....	485 00
Commutations.....	249 25
Interest on General Fund.....	2,620 79
"    Asylum Fund.....	333 00
Sundries.....	103 40
Total.....	\$18,408 69

## LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS

## ERIE DISTRICT NO. 1. (23.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. James Birch, Chatham.

No. 34, Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 327, The Hammond.....	Wardsville
41, St. George.....	Kingsville	336, Highgate.....	Highgate
46, Wellington.....	Chatham	386, McColl.....	West Lorne
47, Great Western.....	Windsor	390, Florence.....	Florence
50, Albion.....	Newbury	391, Howard.....	Ridgetown
245, Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	395, Parvaim.....	Comber
255, Sydenham.....	Dresden	402, Central.....	Essex Centre
267, Parthenon.....	Chatham	403, Windsor.....	Windsor
274, Kent.....	Blenheim	411, Rodney.....	Rodney
284, Lorne.....	Glencoe	413, Naphtali.....	Tilbury Centre
290, Leamington.....	Leamington	422, Star of the East.....	Bothwell
312, Pynx.....	Wallaceburg		

## ST. CLAIR DISTRICT NO. 2. (20.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. J. P. Whitehead, Strathroy.

No. 56, Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 294, Moore.....	Mooretown
81, St. John's.....	Mt. Brydges	307, Arkona.....	Arkona
83, Beaver.....	Strathroy	323, Alvinston.....	Alvinston
116, Cassia.....	Thedford	328, Ionic.....	Napier
153, Burns.....	Wyoming	364, Dufferin.....	Melbourne
158, Alexandra.....	Oil Springs	366, Euclid.....	Strathroy
194, Petrolia.....	Petrolia	392, Huron.....	Canlachie
233, Havelock.....	Watford	397, Leopold.....	Brigden
260, Washington.....	Petrolia	419, Bismarck.....	Point Edward
263, Forest.....	Forest	U. D., St. Clair.....	Port Lambton

## LONDON DISTRICT NO. 3. (29.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. A. B. Munson, London.

No. 23, St. John's.....	London	No. 233, Doric.....	Lobo
43, St. George's.....	London	300, Mt. Olivet.....	Thorndale
44, St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	302, St. David's.....	St. Thomas
64, Kilwinning.....	London	330, Corinthian.....	London East
94, St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley	344, Merrill.....	Dorchester Station
107, St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	345, Nilestown.....	Nilestown
120, Warren.....	Fingal	349, Elgin.....	St. Thomas
140, Malahide.....	Aylmer	353, Delaware Valley.....	Delaware
171, Prince of Wales.....	Iona	378, King Solomon's.....	London West
176, Spartan.....	Sparta	379, Middlesex.....	Bryanston
190, Belmont.....	Belmont	380, Union.....	London
195, Tuscan.....	London	388, Henderson.....	Ilderton
202a, St. John's.....	London	394, King Solomon.....	Thamesford
232, Cameron.....	Dutton	399, Moffat.....	Harrietsville
2-9, Springfield.....	Springfield		

## SOUTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 4. (16.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. William White, Mitchell.

No. 33, Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 205, New Dominion.....	New Hamburg
73, St. James.....	St. Mary's	214, Craig.....	Ailsa Craig
84, Clinton.....	Clinton	224, Zurich.....	Hensall
133, Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	233, Doric.....	Pard Bill
141, Tudor.....	Mitchell	303, Blyth.....	Blyth
144, Tecumseh.....	Stratford	309, Morning Star.....	Smith's Hill
154, Irving.....	Lucan	318, Wilmot.....	Baden
170, Britannia.....	Seaforth	332, Stratford.....	Stratford

## NORTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 5. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. R. Telford, Walkerton.

No. 93, Northern Light.....	Kincardine	No. 284, St. John's.....	Brussels
131, St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	286, Wingham.....	Wingham
162, Forest.....	Wroxeter	331, Fordwich.....	Fordwich
184, Old Light.....	Lucknow	341, Bruce.....	Tiverton
197, Saugeen.....	Walkerton	362, Maple Leaf.....	Tara
225, Bernard.....	Listowel	393, Forest.....	Chesley
235, Aldworth.....	Paisley	396, Cedar.....	Warton
276, Teeswater.....	Teeswater		

## WILSON DISTRICT NO. 6. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. D. H. Hunter Woodstock.

No. 10, Norfolk.....	Simcoe	No. 149, Erie.....	Port Dover
" 37, King Hiram.....	Ingersoll	" 174, Walsingham.....	Port Rowan
" 43, King Solomon.....	Woodstock	" 178, Plattsville.....	Plattsville
" 68, St. John's.....	Ingersoll	" 181, Oriental.....	Port Burwell
" 76, Oxford.....	Woodstock	" 193, Scotland.....	Scotland
" 78, King Hiram.....	Tilsonburg	" 217, Frederick.....	Delhi
" 82, St. John's.....	Paris	" 237, Vienna.....	Vienna
" 104, St. John's.....	Norwich	" 259, Thistle.....	Embro
" 106, Burford.....	Burford	" 261, Oak Branch.....	Innerkip
" 108, Blenheim.....	Drumbo	" 335, Langton.....	Langton
" 113, Wilson.....	Waterford	" 359, Vittoria.....	Vittoria

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT NO. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John C. Fox, Orangeville.

No. 72, Alma.....	Galt	No. 279, New Hope.....	Hespeler
" 151, The Grand River.....	Berlin	" 295, Conestogo.....	Drayton
" 172, Ayr.....	Ayr	" 247, Preston.....	Preston
" 180, Speed.....	Guelph	" 306, Durham.....	Durham
" 200, St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest	" 314, Blair.....	Palmerston
" 203, Irvine.....	Elora	" 315, Clifford.....	Clifford
" 216, Harris.....	Orangeville	" 334, Prince Arthur.....	Arthur
" 257, Galt.....	Galt	" 347, Mercer.....	Fergus
" 258, Guelph.....	Guelph	" 361, Waverley.....	Guelph
" 262, Harriston.....	Harriston	" 421, Scott.....	Grand Valley
" 271, Wellington.....	Erin		

## HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8. (21.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. C. W. Mulligan, Hamilton.

No. 6, Barton.....	Hamilton	No. 163, Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek
" 27, Strict Observance.....	Hamilton	" 219, Credit.....	Georgetown
" 40, St. John's.....	Hamilton	" 243, St. George.....	St. George
" 45, Brant.....	Brantford	" 272, Seymour.....	Ancaster
" 57, Harmony.....	Binbrook	" 291, Dufferin.....	West Flamboro'
" 61, Acacia.....	Hamilton	" 321, Walker.....	Acton West
" 62, St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia	" 324, Temple.....	Hamilton
" 100, Valley.....	Dundas	" 357, Waterdown.....	Waterdown
" 121, Doric.....	Brantford	" 382, Doric.....	Hamilton
" 135, St. Clair.....	Milton	" 400, Oakville.....	Oakville
" 165, Burlington.....	Burlington		

## GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9. (24.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. D. F. MacWatt, Barrie.

No. 79, Simcoe.....	Bradford	No. 285, Seven Star.....	Alliston
" 88, St. George's.....	Owen Sound	" 304, Minerva.....	Stroud
" 90, Manito.....	Collingwood	" 322, North Star.....	Owen Sound
" 96, Corinthian.....	Barrie	" 333, Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton
" 98, True Blue.....	Albion	" 348, Georgian.....	Penetanguishene
" 137, Pythagoras.....	Meaford	" 352, Granite.....	Parry Sound
" 192, Orillia.....	Orillia	" 360, Muskoka.....	Bracebridge
" 230, Kerr.....	Barrie	" 375, Unity.....	Huntsville
" 234, Beaver.....	Clarksburg	" 377, Lorne.....	Shelburne
" 236, Manitoba.....	Cookstown	" 385, Spry.....	Beeton
" 249, Caledonian.....	Midland	" 409, Golden Rule.....	Gravenhurst
" 266, Northern.....	Stayner	" 423, Strong.....	Sundridge

## NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10. (22.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. A. B. Hurrell, Amigari.

No. 2, Niagara.....	Niagara	" 185, Inniskillen.....	York
" 7, Union.....	Grimsby	" 221, Mountain.....	Thorold
" 15, St. George's.....	St. Catharines	" 254, Clifton.....	Niagara Falls
" 32, Amity.....	Dunnville	" 277, Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie
" 35, St. John's.....	Cayuga	" 2 6, Temple.....	St. Catharines
" 36, Welland.....	Fonthill	" 319, Hiram.....	Hagersville
" 103, Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines	" 329, King Solomon.....	Jarvis
" 105, St. Mark's.....	Drummondville	" 337, Myrtle.....	Port Robinson
" 115, Ivy.....	Beamsville	" 338, Dufferin.....	Wellandport
" 168, Merritt.....	Welland	" 372, Palmer.....	Victoria
" 169, Macnab.....	Port Colborne	" 373, Copestone.....	Welland

## TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 11. (36.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. George J. Bennett, Toronto.

No. 16, St. Andrew's.....	Toronto	No. 247, Ashlar.....	Toronto
" 22, King Solomon's.....	Toronto	" 255, Patterson.....	Thornhill
" 23, Richmond.....	Richmond Hill	" 269, Brougham Union.....	Brougham
" 25, Ionic.....	Toronto	" 292, Robertson.....	Nobleton
" 54, Vanghan.....	Maple	" 305, Humber.....	Weston
" 65, Rehoboam.....	Toronto	" 311, Blackwood.....	Woodbridge
" 75, St. John's.....	Toronto	" 316, Doric.....	Toronto
" 86, Wilson.....	Toronto	" 326, Zetland.....	Toronto
" 87, Markham Union.....	Markham	" 339, Orient.....	Toronto
" 97, Sharon.....	Sharon	" 343, Georgina.....	Sutton West
" 99, Tuscan.....	Newmarket	" 346, Occident.....	Toronto
" 118, Union.....	Schomberg	" 354, Brock.....	Cannington
" 129, The Rising Sun.....	Aurora	" 356, River Park.....	Streetsville
" 136, Richardson.....	Stouffville	" 367, St. George.....	Toronto
" 156, York.....	Eglington	" 369, Mimico.....	Lambton
" 218, Stevenson.....	Toronto	" 384, Alpha.....	Toronto
" 220, Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge	" 410, Zeta.....	Toronto
" 229, Ionic.....	Brampton	" 424, Doric.....	Pickering

## ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 12. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. William Miller, Omeme.

No. 26, Ontario.....	Port Hope	No. 183, Prince Albert.....	Port Perry
" 30, Composite.....	Whitby	" 223, Norwood.....	Norwood
" 31, Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville	" 268, Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon
" 39, Mount Zion.....	Brooklin	" 270, Cedar.....	Oshawa
" 66, Durham.....	Newcastle	" 313, Clementi.....	Lakefield
" 77, Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay	" 325, Orono.....	Orono
" 101, Corinthian.....	Peterborough	" 374, Keene.....	Keene
" 114, Hope.....	Port Hope	" 375, Lorne.....	Omeme
" 139, Lebanon.....	Oshawa	" 398, Victoria.....	Victoria Road
" 145, J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook	" 406, The Spy.....	Fenelon Falls
" 155, Peterborough.....	Peterborough	" 408, Murray.....	Beaverton

## PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 13. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. P. J. Lightburne, Cobourg.

No. 11, Moira.....	Belleville	No. 127, Franck.....	Frankfort
" 17, St. John's.....	Cobourg	" 161, Percy.....	Warkworth
" 18, Prince Edward.....	Pictou	" 164, Star in the East.....	Wellington
" 29, United.....	Brighton	" 215, Lake.....	Ameliasburg
" 38, Trent.....	Trenton	" 222, Marmora.....	Marmora
" 48, Madoc.....	Madoc	" 239, Tweed.....	Tweed
" 50, Conseccon.....	Conseccon	" 241, Quinte.....	Shannonville
" 69, Stirling.....	Stirling	" 278, Mystic.....	Roslin
" 91, Colborne.....	Colborne	" 283, Eureka.....	Belleville
" 123, The Belleville.....	Belleville	" 401, Craig.....	Deseronto
" 126, Golden Rule.....	Campbellford		

## FRONTENAC DISTRICT, No. 14. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. R. Dargavel, Elgin.

No. 3, The Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston	No. 212, Elysian.....	Garden Island
" 9, Union.....	Napanee	" 228, Prince Arthur.....	Odessa
" 92, Cataraqui.....	Kingston	" 253, Minden.....	Kingston
" 109, Albion.....	Harrowsmith	" 299, Victoria.....	Centreville
" 119, Maple Leaf.....	Bath	" 340, St. John's.....	Pittsburg
" 146, Prince of Wales.....	Newburg	" 342, Hiram.....	Wolfe Island
" 157, Simpson.....	Newboro	" 404, Lorne.....	Tamworth
" 201, Leeds.....	Gananoque		

## ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 15. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, Brockville.

No. 5, Sussex.....	Brockville	No. 207, Lancaster.....	Lancaster
" 14, True Britons.....	Perth	" 242, Macoy.....	Mallorytown
" 24, St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	" 256, Farran's Point.....	Farran's Point
" 28, Mount Zion.....	Kemptville	" 320, Chesterville.....	Chesterville
" 55, Merrickville.....	Merrickville	" 368, Salem.....	Brockville
" 74, St. James.....	Maitland	" 370, Harmony.....	Delta
" 85, Rising Sun.....	Farmersville	" 383, Henderson.....	West Winchester
" 110, Central.....	Prescott	" 387, Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne
" 125, Cornwall.....	Cornwall	" 389, Crystal Fountain.....	North Augusta
" 142, Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	" 416, Lyn.....	Lyn
" 143, Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois	" 418, Maxville.....	Maxville

## OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16. (18.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John H. Bothwell, Lanark.

No. 21a, St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	No. 177, The Builders'.....	Ottawa
" 52, Dalhousie.....	Ottawa	" 126, Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet
" 58, Doric.....	Ottawa	" 196, Madawaska.....	Amprior
" 63, St. John's.....	Carleton Place	" 209, Evergreen.....	Lanark
" 122, Renfrew.....	Renfrew	" 231, Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa
" 128, Pembroke.....	Pembroke	" 264, Chaudiere.....	Ottawa
" 147, Mississippi.....	Almonte	" 371, Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa
" 148, Civil Service.....	Ottawa	" 405, Mattawa.....	Mattawa
" 159, Goodwood.....	Richmond	" 420, Nipissing.....	North Bay

## ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17. (6.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. A. Fraser, Port Arthur.

No. 287 Shun'iah.....	Port Arthur	No. 414, Pequonga.....	Rat Portage
" 407, Manitoulin.....	Gore Bay	" 415, Fort William.....	Fort William
" 412, Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie	" 417, Keewatin.....	Keewatin Mills

## NOT ATTACHED TO ANY DISTRICT.

No. 293, The Royal Solomon Mother, Jerusa'em, Palestine.

## RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District	No.			23 Lodges.
St. Clair	"	1	.....	20	"
London	"	2	.....	29	"
South Huron	"	3	.....	16	"
North Huron	"	4	.....	15	"
Wilson	"	5	.....	22	"
Wellington	"	6	.....	21	"
Hamilton	"	7	.....	21	"
Georgian	"	8	.....	24	"
Niagara	"	9	.....	22	"
Toronto	"	10	.....	36	"
Ontario	"	11	.....	22	"
Prince Edward	"	12	.....	21	"
Frontenac	"	13	.....	15	"
St. Lawrence	"	14	.....	22	"
Ottawa	"	15	.....	18	"
Algoma	"	16	.....	6	"
Unattached.	"	17	.....	1	"
Total.....				354	"

## SUSPENSIONS FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

No. 69—John McCaw. 137—David McCann. 192—L. M. McDonald. 339—Henry Parry. 373—C. North. 414—Thos. Hansen.

## SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

No 6—E. P. Barnes, F. E. Woolverton. 11—Jos Campion, W. J. Wilson, W. Y. Mikel, E. Clapp, J. J. Clapp, J. H. Hill, M. Thompson, R. McLernon, R. Moffit, G. W. Tickell, L. Sharpe, G. W. Gibson. 27—C. H. Dempster, W. C. Sim. 29—J. M. Webster, A. G. Jones, C. B. Kemp, John Burr. 30—G. A. Milne, John Farquharson. 34—A. McGregor, F. Smith, J. Malott, J. H. C. Atkinson, F. Conoll, H. Martin, J. C. Craig, J. E. Martin. 35—A. W. Wright, Thos. Bridger, J. L. Burges, D. Epps, Geo. Vickers, John Bell, W. Elmsley, W. C. Cunliffe, E. S. Schram, E. W. Scarlett, C. W. Colter, Jas. B. Holden. 38—John Gault, Jas. Lott, Chas. Wilson, J. L. Palmer. 39—J. J. Riddell, T. A. Stabback, G. Dawson, Jno. Hazelwood, C. H. Sweetapple, J. E. Mitchell, B. Lawson. 40—Jas. Brass, Wm. Dodds, P. K. Fenton, A. S. Henderson, A. Laughlin, Jas. Omand, J. J. Thomas, F. Miller, Thos. Clark. 42—John E. Richards. 43—Jas. A. Pepper, Robt. Kerr. 44—W. G. Sanders, D. Martin, A. Peel, A. B. Reaney, T. Baldwin, S. Whitlock. 46—J. W. Jackson, G. F. Horsford. 47—Wm. Belson, Wm. Lane, Wm. Clarke, F. P. Routeillor. 48—P. M. Gunter, E. Leay, James A. Orr. 55—T. Merrick, T. H. Wickwire, H. McGuirl, S. F. Vaucamp, Wm. Kidd, J. J. Nevens, R. Brumbridge, F. M. Putnam, Fred Putnam, G. W. Easton, J. H. Kelly, E. B. Read, B. Silver, E. L. Wickwire. 56—Wm. Foster. 61—H. Eatwistle, J. C. Palmer, C. W. Southwell, John Thom. 62—P. E. Jones, J. A. Beaver, A. Anthony, D. Ashburgh. 64—Alex. Allen, F. Baillie, W. H. Heard. 65—Wm. De Podest, Wm. Wilson, F. Hodge. 75—W. Arthurs, J. Bruce, Jno. Duggan, Jno. Esson, L. D. Gillet, C. Kaufman, J. C. Marshall, T. A. Robinson, C. Rogers, Jas. Scott, W. Webb, F. Thompson, F. G. Thompson. 76—J. C. S. Gordon, A. Copp, Wm. Wallace, J. M. Whitlaw. 77—J. McMillan, L. A. McLean, J. Makins. 83—Jas. H. Robb, J. V. Black, L. R. Richardson. 86—Jas. Allen, J. R. Black, W. H. Essay, A. D. Harris, A. M. Jarvis, Hy. Lynall, F. Spratt. 87—H. Willson, T. H. Miller, C. Wideman, J. B. Burns. 90—J. G. Hands. 91—Wm.

- Malone. 92—Thos. B. Ray, W. Stevens. 93—W. H. Carpenter, T. E. P. Trew, Geo. Monilaws, M. McPhaden. 94—S. Shepard, M. Rourke. T. Mitchell, J. Mitchell, H. Barnwell, J. Elliot, H. Stephens, Sr., H. Stephens, Jr., Jos. Stephens, F. E. Shepard. 101—E. E. Henderson, W. R. Russell, Thos Raphael. 103—H. W. Barber, Saul Kelso. 110—R. M. Anderson. 113—E. Burgess, J. B. Johnson, A. C. Adams. 114—Jos Jones, Wm. Minnus, A. B. Hainscombe, J. Campbell, F. Whitehead, W. Fulscher. 116—E. Ryan, R. G. McArthur. 118—W. Brown. 119—J. McKay Laird. 121—A. Anthony, Jno. Blacker, W. P. Croome, W. H. Masterson, G. T. Mortimore, T. H. Jones, J. Wells, R. Henwood. 122—Jas. Drysdale, Jas. C. Armstrong. 127—J. A. McColl, J. W. Preston, D. B. Preston, A. Preston, A. C. Peters. 129—W. G. Andrews, F. J. Andress, R. J. Rutherford, I. J. Hartman, J. C. Major, W. A. Paine, W. Willis. 137—R. Campbell, Jas. Bell, R. Kerr. 141—Jas. Wilson, Thos. Mulheron. 142—A. Dain, H. Moore, S. E. Walt, T. Hamilton, L. W. Howard, C. E. Mathews, A. G. Munroe, F. W. Wood. 145—A. T. Armstrong, W. L. Mackenzie, J. H. Barber, W. P. Dyer, G. Goodfellow, J. Windlow. T. Brown, Jas. Gardiner, T. Gardiner, T. Gorman, J. Collins, J. Norris, J. Lightfoot, R. Elliott. 153—Jno. Davidson, S. Sleno, Hy. Forrester, J. H. McNames, W. Cuthbertson. 157—M. Buck, W. Elliott, J. Heron. 159—W. V. Beaman, W. A. Caldwell, Jas. Corbett, J. R. Hill, Jas. Mills, J. A. Pement, E. Pement, R. Wilson. 161—D. T. Pickworth, G. H. Boyce, G. B. Boyce, J. B. Stone, C. S. McKenzie. 163—Rich. Toyne, Wm. C. Boyle, Geo. Young, Wm. J. Knight. 169—J. Schofield, G. Fares, H. C. Wallis, C. E. Doan, T. J. Wetherald, I. Ratcliffe. 170—C. L. Papst. 171—Augustus Clark. 177—Jno. Pushman, R. Graham, J. McLennan. 183—C. Marsh, J. E. Howe, N. McClinton, Jas. Jewett, A. C. Jarvis, W. S. Lattimer. 185—John L. Moore. 192—J. J. Anderson, W. H. Barker, I. S. Wardell, A. McKerroll, Chas. McPhadden, J. E. Maynard, A. Dugmore, P. W. McLeod, S. J. Sloane, W. H. McGilray, John Lane, Owen Lloyd, W. McKenzie, D. L. Ellerby, W. H. Thorne, C. C. Somerville, B. Murphy, W. O. Black. 194—A. G. Walton. 197—W. Smyth John Hurrell. 200a—J. L. Payne. W. Lavolette, W. E. Turner, A. Brenner, J. Digman, A. Durand, W. A. Reid, C. S. Moore, W. M. Fielding, Wm. Bell. 212—L. Spencer, A. Eccles, Robt. Curran. 215—W. L. Peters, J. R. Anderson, Geo. Yott. 217—Jas. McKnight, D. Reeves, W. B. Birdsall. 218—A. Donaldson, C. Finn, T. Greenwood, A. Manwaring, C. C. Matthew, J. W. McLaren, J. Steven, A. A. Stinson. 220—Thos. Magruttan, R. Hornick, W. W. Johnston, Wm. Hogg, Wm. Gordon, J. J. Murta, R. J. Butler. 221—I. Usher, C. Duncan, H. N. Summers, E. McPherson, J. McCausland, S. Howarth, W. McGill, A. Hansell. 244—N. Deichert, J. Hudson. 225—A. B. McCallum, J. F. Schwalm, S. E. Smith. 229—J. B. Burns, W. H. Joyce, T. B. P. Stewart, T. Corbett, R. J. Williamson, J. Payne, J. Fleming, W. Gibberson, A. M. Shields. 230—C. Forbes, J. Page, W. Patterson, E. H. Belfry. 231—B. Bainbridge, J. Loveridge. 232—Thos. Jardine, T. E. Lilley. 233—E. G. Smith, R. A. Callander, T. O. Allen, C. J. Noble. 239—Francis Lawrence. 241—George Munroe, S. Besandy. 243—J. R. Neff, W. F. Mylne. 247—S. H. Iustwitt, T. Nightingale, William White, I. Williamson. 256—S. J. Hickey, G. E. Whitney, K. Morgan. 258—F. J. Chadwick, J. Rouse, T. Hill. C. Spragge, C. Root, E. T. B. Johnston. 262—M. H. Patnoye, E. H. Dewar. 263—J. R. Kendall, John O'Hara. 264—G. J. Mackenzie, T. Beeson. 265—J. C. B. Jones. 266—J. A. Hamilton. 267—G. K. Atkinson, E. J. Degge, A. Ewing, N. Massey, W. E. Rispin, J. D. Draper. 270—A. E. Luke, G. W. Carth, W. Bellows. 271—Wm. Campbell. 277—A. Coons, H. Killaly, J. Woodall, Conrad Quackenbush, H. Julian, H. Bald, R. Newman, N. H. Pawling, G. H. Anderson, J. C. Buckbee, J. H. Broderick, Ben. Gregory, J. Pawling, R. D. Cole, Chas. Quackenbush, Louis Bang. 279—Jas. Cunningham. 284—W. H. Closkey, A. Duncan, D. McCormack, J. Drew. 285—J. Black, R. J. Hare. 294—R. Richmond, N. L. Carpenter, G. Phillips, J. P. McKenzie. 304—J. W. Sloan, H. Warnica, Chas. H. Sosanko, J. Campbell. 308—Jas. Gillespie, C. M. Richardson, F. J. Drake. 309—Robt. Downs, M. Mhoring, W. J. Harris, A. R. Collins. 316—G. W. Dower, Jos. Compton, R. Rahjohn. 318—W. Larery, H. Alliman, J. Hamacher. 323—L. H. Thompson, R. Carter, D. McIntyre, E. Fletcher. 325—Thos. Courtea, S. J. Borland. 326—M. R. Allison, G. E. Conney, G. W. Nichols. 329—D. Canary, J. Simons. 330—A. Peglar, J. E. Platt, H. E. Turner, G. F. Childs, S. Alexander, Wm. Cathro, E. Chapman, J. E. Campbell, D. Dobbin, W. Somerville, John Moffat. 331—W. J. Brumpton, R. C. Brumpton, A. McKelvey. 332—Thos. Pell. 336—D. Buchan, Wm. Scott, D. B. McDougall. 340—P. G. Wilmot, E. Sibbet, Wm. Lyons. 342—S. H. McCrea, W. E. Deargent. 346—W. Tucker, N. Hare, J. Flood. 354—Geo. Scott. 3:7—H. O'Neill, J. H. Cummins. 359—G. Mabec. 361—J. Howe, W. Russell, Wm. Campbell, D. McIntyre, J. Goar, J. Lilwell, T. P. 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nedy, F. W. Vail, A. McKenzie, J. Brown, J. W. Bowen, G. Henderson, W. J. Harland, J. D. McDiarmid, R. C. Moffatt, G. P. Sills, R. B. Saunders. 385—Wm. Lourey. 388—And. Brown. 390—W. A. Dunbar. 292—C. J. Brown. 393—John Evans—393—T. Wiley. 401—A. H. Nilsen. 402—S. McAnnany, W. R. Elliott, J. F. Clarke, T. B. Scott, John Marshall. 403—E. L. Neveux, J. F. Bell, J. B. Davidson. 409—J. Tasker, G. W. Cooper, S. Flannigan, S. Carswell, W. J. Langworthy, J. Macklin, G. B. Dench. 411—J. G. Huston. 412—R. H. Tinsdale, John Wight. 414—W. Reddon, James Riley.

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No. Lodge	Name.	Date.	No. Lodge	Name.	Date.
5	E. Williams..	Sept. 23..1889	65	Jas. Atton.....	June 18..1890
6	Chas. Davidson ..	Nov. 6...1889	69	Jos. Ketchey.....	Dec. 22...889
6	J. W. Gable .....	Aug. 7...1888	69	John S. Hagerman..	May 13..1890
6	John B. Rousseux ..	March 21..1890	74	M. W. La Fontaine..	July 20..1888
6	Chas. Hutton .....	.....1890	74	John Whaley.....	July.....1888
7	Thos. C. Brownjohn	Jan. 15...1890	74	C. Lemon .....	Aug. 12..1888
7	Jas. Tronp .....	Dec 16...1890	75	J. E. Mitchell.....	Sept. 19..1889
9	Chas. Lane .....	Aug 9...1889	75	M. Harrison .....	Sept. 7...1889
9	James Allen.....	Sept. 28..1889	75	R. Phillip .....	Dec. 11..1889
9	James Wilson .....	Jan. 1...1890	76	Wm. Baskerville ..	Nov. 29..1889
10	Adam Petrie .....	Oct. 31..1889	76	H. M. McKay.....	Jan. 17..1890
11	Jas. R. Huyet .....	Jan. 29..1890	77	A. Hudspeth.....	May 12..1890
11	Chas. J. Lockerty ..	Feb. 14..1890	82	Wm. C. Jones .....	July 6...1889
15	Herbert Griffiths ..	Jan. 19..1890	83	W. G. Van Staden..	Aug. 10..1889
16	Wm. Gooderham....	Oct. ....1889	84	D. McG. Malloch...	May 19..1890
16	A. Scott.....	Dec. 15..1889	88	John Wiggins.....	Sept. 9...1888
16	J. G. Howard .....	Feb. 3...1890	88	T. Boardman.....	Nov. 22..1888
17	Wm. Braithwaite ..	July 26..1889	88	Hy. Macpherson....	Aug 4...1889
17	W. J. Porter .....	Nov. 18..1889	90	H. Gillson .....	April 17..1890
17	G. J. Stephens .....	July 5...1889	92	F. S. Hubbard .....	April ...1890
17	J. J. Soddin.....	Feb. 5...1890	94	John Ellison, Sr....	Oct. 23..1889
18	S. P. Wilson .....	Oct. 8...1889	99	W. H. Bentley.....	Sept 19 1889
18	J. E. Baker.....	Jan. 3...1890	103	John Dale .....	Oct .....1889
20	T. H. Duquid.....	Mar. 14..1889	105	Jos. Shaw .....	Aug. 14..1889
20	W. McDonnell.....	No date...	105	F. W. Ernst.....	Jan. 16..1890
20	Thos. Tanton.....	No date...	106	Jos. Whitman.....	Jan. 1...1890
21a	Wm. Barber.....	Nov. 13..1889	110	Wm. Jackson.....	April 15..1890
22	A. Hunter .....	Nov. 11..1889	113	Wm Folmsbee.....	Nov. 30..1889
22	J. H. McPeak.....	Mar. 25..1890	113	John Bertram.....	Dec. 19..1889
22	J. C. Clapp.....	April 22..1890	113	F. Emerick .....	April 2...1890
25	J. H. Kane.....	Jan. 12...1890	113	J. E. Reynolds....	April 29..1890
26	W. B. Wallace .....	June 8...1890	113	J. Tuttle.....	No date.
26	T. F. Jones.....	June 10..1890	115	Thos. Eddy.....	Aug. 20..1889
27	F. J. Bowen.....	Oct. 12...1889	120	John Timewell.....	Dec. 19...1889
27	Wm. Carey.....	May 16...1890	123	W. H. Foley.....	Feb. 4...1890
27	John A. Sewell.....	May 19..1890	127	P. A. Kingston.....	Oct 25..1888
27	T. F. Thornton .....	April 1...1890	127	W. Scott.....	Nov. 23..1889
28	Jas. Francis.....	Aug. 2...1887	128	P. M. Rattray.....	April 24..1890
28	Wm. Laing .....	Oct. 23..1889	128	Albert anson.....	No date.
31	Geo. Piggott.....	Feb. 12..1890	133	Wm Whitelock.....	Mar. 14..1890
31	J. Milne.....	Oct. 27..1889	136	Jno. McLean.....	Oct. 21..1888
31	D. Kilgour .....	Dec. 1...1889	136	Richard Knill .....	Jan. 20..1889
31	R. Armour .....	Jan. 30..1890	136	A. Miller.....	Jun 28..1890
31	W. R. Piggott.....	Feb. 12..1890	137	Ben. Line.....	Aug. 26..1889
31	John McDougall....	Feb. 17..1890	139	Wm Deans .....	April 21..1889
32	Chas. E. S. Black ..	Jan. 23..1890	139	S. Forder.....	Feb. 25..1889
34	B. Sample .....	Oct. 16..1889	142	John Davidson....	Jan. 2...1890
37	Ed. Wassell .....	No date....	142	C. Hollister.....	May 29..1 90
40	Fred. Ware.....	Jan. 23..1890	147	Jas. Ellis .....	Sept. 2...1889
40	Alfred Ram .....	Jan. 29..1890	148	P. B. Douglas.....	April 20..1889
40	James Reid.....	Mar. 15..1890	149	Wm Tibbets.....	Feb. 4...1889
41	W. J. Mallatt .....	Mar. 5...1890	151	A. E. Minkler .....	Sept 3...1889
41	G. H. Layman.....	June 15..1890	154	T. W. Magahy.....	April 4...1890
42	Andrew Cleghorn ..	Aug. 21..1889	158	J. W. Ford.....	Sept. 25..1889
43	M. W. Wilson .....	Oct. 27..1889	159	C. M. Church .....	Sept. 1...1889
43	A. W. McEdwards ..	Jan. 12..1890	159	Geo. Burroughs....	Oct. 3...1889
43	G. W. A. Ross .....	Feb. 6...1890	161	R. Burton.....	Dec. 24..1889
44	Chas. W. Harte .....	Dec. 8...1889	165	Rt. Hammond.....	Nov. 1...1889
44	Wm. Martin.....	Feb. 2...1890	168	Hy. Minnis.....	Aug. 30..1889
46	Geo. S. McLean .....	March 5..1890	168	Wm. Spearman.....	July 11..1890
56	T. B. Pardee.....	July 21..1889	163	J. B. Tufts .....	March 201890
56	Alex. Ingram.....	No date....	177	Jas. Fleming .....	Feb. 4...1890
61	W. Oaten.....	March 11..1890	181	John McKenzie.....	Dec. 7...1889
64	Chas. E. Moorehouse	April 2...1890	180	E. Galloway.....	July 25..1889
65	O. R. Peck .....	August..1889	180	J. Mimmack.....	April 17..1890
65	J. A. Richardson....	August..1889	181	Thos. Stafford....	Oct. 1...1889
65	Chas. S. Steele.....	October..1889	192	A. D. Kean .....	Jan. 9...1889
65	G. T. Porter.....	June 2...1890	194	E. D. Kerby.....	Nov. 30..1889

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No. Lo'ge.	Name.	Date.	No. Lo'ge.	Name.	Date.
194	R. Wade .....	Jan. 21..1890	318	J. Gabel .....	Jan. 22..1890
194	A. Isbester .....	March 29 1890	323	D. M. Keith.....	July 20..1889
195	G. F. Durand .....	Dec 20..1889	324	W. D. Pierce.....	Oct. 15..1889
196	W. Waddington .....	Dec. 4 ..1888	324	C. Davidson.....	Nov. 6..1889
196	John Jamieson.....	March 30 1890	332	Daniel Kil'burn.....	Jan. 11..1890
200	Thos. Swan .....	Dec. 30..1889	336	Jas. Morehouse.....	Sept..1889
201	C. L. Parmenter .....	Aug 2 ..1889	336	D. H. Gesner.....	Jun 9..1890
203	J. D. Foster .....	Jan. 30..1890	337	P. S. Mussen.....	July 31..1889
205	Fred. W. Ernst .....	Jan. 18..1890	339	Robt. Morrison.....	Mar. 3..1890
207	J. W. Craig .....	June 27..1890	339	Wm. Blair.....	May 15..1890
209	F. J. Bowen .....	Oct. 17..1889	342	H. O. Hitchcock.....	Oct. 15..1889
209a	P. Barrett .....	Jan. 18..1890	352	T. R. Hill.....	Dec. 19..1889
209a	R. Irvine .....	Jan. 13..1890	354	R. Talbot.....	Jan. 24..1890
209	R. B. Ferguson .....	Jan. 11..1890	357	J. W. Stock.....	Sept. 11..1889
212	Hy. Roney .....	Jan. 15..1890	357	Jas R. Foster.....	July 15..1882
216	H. E. Reid.....	Jan 12..1890	357	John Baker.....	Dec. 29..1889
213	Jas. Erskine.....	April 5..1890	364	John Haggerty.....	Sept..1889
218	James Young .....	April 15 1890	366	John English.....	Oct. 20..1889
219	Angus A. Ross.....	Nov. 30 1889	366	Mat. Bixel.....	Jan. 2..1890
221	W. H. Blackstock.....	Sept. 19 1889	367	G. Downard.....	Jan. 20..1890
221	John Dale.....	Oct. 12..1889	367	E. H. Boddy.....	Feb. 16..1890
221	E. E. Eynon.....	April 23 1890	367	H. Johnston.....	Feb. 5 ..1890
222	D. G. Bowan .....	Dec. 8 ..1889	367	Wm. Curtis .....	May 14..1890
223	D. Donovan.....	June 24 1877	369	Wm Phillips.....	Jan. 29..1890
223	D. Wignmore.....	Jan. 2 ..1887	370	John Madden.....	Jan 26..1890
223	I. Powell.....	March 12 1888	370	J. Powell .....	Jan. 14..1890
223	W. G. Morrow.....	Feb. 28..1890	371	Alex. Miller.....	Jan. 23..1890
224	Wm. Agnew.....	Dec. 8 ..1889	380	D. Gardner.....	Jan ..1890
224	Wm. C. Smith.....	Jan. 26..1889	380	W. M. Cairns.....	Dec. 18..1889
225	P. Knapp.....	Jan. 14..1890	380	B. Skuse.....	Jun. 1 ..1890
225	E. B. Sutherland.....	Feb 11..1890	386	D. H. McCowan.....	May 4 ..1890
230	John Quirk .....	Aug 2..1890	388	L. E. Shipley .....	Sept. 14..1888
231	John Geddes.....	Sept. 27..1889	394	D. Seaton.....	January..1889
232	D. C. McPhedran.....	No date.	395	John Wymer.....	Novem. 1889
249	P. T. McLean.....	April 15..1890	396	E. Cross.....	Feb. 16..1890
249	Thos. Courtney.....	May 31..1890	398	P. McTaggart.....	Nov. 22..1887
254	Tom F. Ellis.....	.....	398	L. Matchett.....	June 6 ..1888
257	H. J. Rattray.....	Mar. 11..1889	398	Wm Taylor.....	Aug. 8 ..1889
261	Geo. McFarlane.....	Oct 30..1889	398	N. Heaslip.....	June 5 ..1890
264	Thos. O. Neill.....	Aug 7..1889	400	W. B. Chisholm.....	Nov. 23..1889
265	John Lane .....	April 2..1890	402	John Dewar.....	Dec. 2 ..1889
266	J. R. Livingstone.....	July 6 ..1889	403	E. L. Neveux.....	Nov. 11..1889
265	John Godfrey.....	May 20 1890	404	G. M. Richardson.....	Sept. 2..1889
263	Wm B. Read .....	May 22..1890	404	L. A. Wheeler .....	Nov. 22..1889
269	Thos. Gormley.....	Jan. 25 1890	405	W. H. Smith.....	Jan. 9 ..1890
270	T. B. Walker.....	Jan. 9..1890	409	W. J. Scott.....	Aug. 19..1889
270	W. H. Hallett.....	Jun 20..1890	411	J. C. N. Stinson .....	Dec. 11..1889
279	John Henderson.....	Aug. 30 1889	412	J. G. Crowall .....	July 8..1889
283	Thos. Kelso.....	Mar. 17..1890	414	Francis Bartley.....	Sept. 2..1889
284	Wm Vanstone.....	May 2..1890	414	J. F. Snow.....	April..1890
289	D. Barclay.....	Oct. 25..1889	418	Jos. Robinson.....	No date.
289	L. E. Shipley.....	Sept..1889	422	John Dilzell.....	March 29 1889
294	John B. McKinnon.....	Mar. 3..1890	424	Thomas Gorm.....	Jan. 23..1890
316	J. R. L. Smith.....	July 8..1889			

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District. *Died 27th October, 1889.*

**D. McG. MALLOCH,**

P. M. Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton, P. G. Registrar. *Died 19th  
May, 1890.*

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2. By V. W. Bro. J. Parker Thomas,—That Clause No. 136 of the Book of Constitution be amended by inserting after the word “twenty,” in the second line clause 136, the word “five,” so that the clause, as amended, will read “twenty-five” instead of “twenty.”	
3. By V. W. Bro. J. Parker Thomas,—There being an apparent conflict between the form of petition given in Clause 218 and Clause 229, and in order to remove same: That the Book of Constitution, Clause 229, be amended by adding to said Clause the words: “Nor shall any petition be received from any such rejected candidate bearing date within twelve months after the date of such rejection; and in case any candidate is rejected, either by unfavorable report or adverse ballot, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give immediate notice by letters with the seal of the lodge stamped thereon, post paid, addressed to the Grand Secretary, the District Deputy Grand Master of the District, and the Masters of all lodges having concurrent jurisdiction with the lodge rejecting such candidate, and that the said officers receiving such notices shall keep a register of same, with dates and particulars, similar to accepted candidates.”	
4. By W. Bro. Malcolm Gibbs,—That the use of spirituous liquors as a beverage be discontinued at all refreshment tables in connection with Masonic Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada.	
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# APPENDIX TO PROCEEDINGS OF 1890.

## REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada :*

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present their annual report :—

The new Grand Lodges of North Dakota, New South Wales, and Victoria have been generally recognized by the Grand Lodges which we have reviewed.

The following is a list of the—

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Connecticut.....1890	Minnesota.....1890	Quebec.....1890
Dakota.....1889	Missouri.....1889	Rhode Island.....1889
Delaware.....1889	Montana.....1889	South Carolina.....1889
District of Columbia ..1889	Nebraska.....1889	Tennessee.....1890
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Idaho.....1889	New Brunswick ..1889	Utah.....1890
Illinois.....1889	New Hampshire ..1889-90	Vermont.....1889
Indiana.....1889-90	New Jersey.....1890	Virginia.....1889
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Iowa.....1889-90	New York.....1889-90	West Virginia.....1889
Ireland.....1890	New Zealand.....1890	Wisconsin.....1889
Kansas.....1889-90	North Carolina.....1890	Wyoming.....1889

The proceedings not received are those of Georgia, 1889; Manitoba, 1890; and Mississippi, 1890.

### ALABAMA.

69th Communication, Montgomery, December 2, 1889.

M. W. Bro. Henry Hart Brown, G. M.

The year has been marked with wonderful progress in the State ; the people are making rapid strides in everything necessary in building up a rich and powerful population, and the Craft is partaking of the general prosperity. Seventeen new lodges were formed and eight others were reinstated. The Grand Master insists that " we must have character building going on, and this work should be kept in advance of city, town, and railroad building." He decided that a lodge could make a by-law prohibiting gambling by its members.

On the burial of non-affiliated Masons, the following resolution was adopted :

" *Resolved*,—That hereafter it shall not be lawful for subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction to bury a non-affiliated mason except under the following conditions, namely :

" 1st. Those who shall have dimitted within six months prior to their death with the intention of joining another lodge or of uniting with others in the formation of a new lodge and die before such purpose can be consummated; and those who are members

in good standing of some other lodge whose charter has been forfeited within six months prior to their death, and have manifested an intention to unite with another lodge, provided that if any such shall have within six months after their membership with the former lodge has terminated, made application for membership to another lodge, and such application shall be pending at the time of their death, then they shall be entitled to masonic burial although more than six months have elapsed since their membership terminated in the former lodge.

"2nd. Those who have applied for and obtained a dimit because of inability to attend meetings of the lodge by reason of old age or other infirmity, where such inability shall continue up to the time of their death. Provided such dimit shall set out on its face that it was obtained because of such inability."

Comp. Palmer J. Pillans reports on correspondence and notices the proceedings of Canada for 1889.

M.W. Bro. Henry H. Brown (Birmingham), G.M.

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### ARIZONA.

Sth Communication, Tucson, Nov. 12, 1889.

M.W. Bro. Morris Goldwater, G.M.

The Indians were "out," and fighting was going on between them and the troops, so the Grand Master had to change the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge. We make the following extracts from his address:—

"To the Craft in older jurisdictions it may seem strange that our growth in numbers is not greater and the attendance at our annual sessions is not larger. But to those who know Arizona, to those who have travelled her rough and rugged roads, where steel rails are not yet, nor ever will be: to those who have journeyed across her mountains and deserts, day after day, seeing neither city, town, or hamlet, there is no need of explanation. When the former learn that some of you have journeyed four or five days to come here, and notice that neither *per diem* nor mileage cheers your return, the wonder will be that so many have come up, like their brethren of old, to aid and assist without hope of fee or pecuniary reward.

"Within our borders I am happy to say peace prevails among the Craft. The slow growth of our population has made our increase in numbers small. While the finances of the lodges may not be in a very flourishing condition, there is a harmony and interest shown which is encouraging, and having been spared the cyclones, floods, fires, and pestilence, which at times afflict our sisters, we have every reason to be grateful to the Supreme Grand Master.

"While Arizona, to our Eastern brethren, may be a synonym suggestive of bloodshed, crime, border ruffians and savages, it is, nevertheless, masonically, as peaceful and quiet a jurisdiction as can anywhere be found. The record of our lodges, as shown by the reports of our committee on grievances, will compare favourably with that of the older jurisdictions."

The Committee on Jurisprudence very cautiously report that the circumstances evidently justified the Grand Master in changing the meeting from Globe to Tucson. An Apache Indian with a desire for one's scalp is certainly a circumstance that would justify a rapid flank movement in another direction.

In the report on correspondence we find a good notice of Canada for 1889. Our Benevolent Report is styled "truly a creditable and noble showing." On the practice in Great Britain of making Masons of non-residents, the committee say:—

"The result of these invasions by foreign Grand Lodges will eventually be the non-recognition, by any Grand Lodge in the United States, of any Mason hailing from abroad. Of course any such result is much to be deprecated, but since all fraternal efforts and appeals seem to fall, without avail, on the ears of those in high places, why not try at the other end? When the individual brother holding allegiance abroad, and residing or visiting in this country, finds himself deprived of Masonic rights and benefits, he will be very apt to inquire, Why? A Grand Lodge that will not gracefully comply with a fraternal request may be glad to yield to the "kicking" of its own members."

M.W. Bro. George J. Roskrug (Tucson), G.M.

R.W. Bro. John M. Ormsby (Tucson), G.S.

## ARKANSAS.

50th Communication, Little Rock, Nov. 19, 1889.

M.W. Bro. R. H. Taylor, G.M.

According to their law, the Grand Master has no alternative but to sanction a new lodge if the proper formalities have been observed. Bro. Taylor thus authorized 13 new lodges, but he thinks that their law should be altered so as to have some restriction. He decided that "a dead brother, however meritorious, cannot be subsequently affiliated." In his conclusion, he has the following excellent remarks:—

"Now brethren, before returning the emblem of authority which you so generously invested me with, permit me to say in perfect love, a few words to the craft at large. Masonry is a beautiful study, a profound science, and how many of you can read the mysterious but essential allegories of your masonic carpet? How many of you could visit a careful sister lodge without being vouched for? How many could visit a foreign country with credit to themselves and honor to their parent state? I know numbers of these higher degree Masons who know no more of the fundamental principles of masonry than they know of Choctaw or Cherokee. Brethren, a superstructure raised upon such false foundations must totter, if indeed it does not ultimately fall. I have often seen Royal Arch and Templar Masons, high in their authority and gaudy in their brilliant dress, who could not work themselves into any cautious Blue Lodge, and who would not be received if they could. I therefore hold that if these so-called higher Masons claim allegiance to symbolic masonry, that it is clearly the duty of their Grand High Priest and their Grand Commander to see that their respective members are affiliated Blue Lodge Masons, and not suspended ones, as is unfortunately too often the case.

Brethren, it is high time that masonic ignorance was no longer tolerated; when self-constituted leaders at least, with the solemnity of owls and the self-imposed wisdom of Solomon, merely rehearse the ritual after the fashion of a parrot, should be told to take back seats, and young men of learning and industry brought to the front. It is a burning shame that in this day of enlightenment, with so much excellent masonic literature so easy of access, that men seeking to occupy prominent places at the hands of the craft, should show how utterly ignorant they are of masonic information."

The situation as to St. John's College remains practically unchanged. The trustees have not been able to sell the college property.

A new digest of their laws is to be published shortly.

A motion to repeal the edict of the Grand Lodge allowing joint occupancy of masonic halls was lost.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"Resolved, That Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction, who are members of defunct lodges of other Grand Jurisdictions, and who apply for affiliation in this, must present certificates of their good masonic standing, issued by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Jurisdiction from whence they came."

M.W. Bro. J. W. Sorrels, (Mansfield,) G.M.

R.W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, (Little Rock,) G.S.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

18th Communication, Victoria, June 22, 1889.

M.W. Bro. A. R. Milne, G.M.

He congratulates the brethren upon their prosperity, their health and their happiness. "No gloom is noted and no contention heard." He decided that a brother cannot be an active member of more than one lodge in the jurisdiction.

The most interesting feature of the year was the grand gathering at Vancouver in March, when their new temple was dedicated and the work was exemplified in all the degrees by different lodges. On the following Sunday the craft marched in procession to St. James' Church, where a very eloquent and impressive masonic sermon was preached by the Grand Chaplain, the Right Reverend A. W. Sillitoe, Lord Bishop of New Westminster.

The Grand Master mentions some distinguished visitors;—

"During the past year I received many calls from distinguished Masons from various parts, among them the following from the Eastern Provinces :—

R.W. Bro. Collins, D.D.G.M., Manitoba.

M.W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, M.W.G.M., Canada.

A reception was held for Bro. Walkem at the Masonic Temple, Victoria, when a congratulatory address was presented. The occasion was an exceedingly pleasant one. We hope Bro. Walkem will come again.

On October 1st, 1888, I received a visit from our distinguished Bro. Henry Robertson, Past Grand Master of Canada, whose visit was so short that it did not give us an opportunity to show him our considerations."

They have ten lodges and 587 members, an increase of 91 during the year. The lodges have funds amounting to \$41,907.48. The minimum fee for initiation is fifty dollars.

Bro. John S. Clute has a brief report on correspondence. He reviews our proceedings of 1888, and says :—

"We feel that the name 'Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario' is not just appropriate, as at present Canada is composed of 7 Provinces, all having a Grand Lodge of their own, called after their respective Provincial names, except Ontario, the Grand Lodge we are speaking of. How would it look if in the District of Columbia, in the United States, the M.W. Grand Lodge should style itself 'The Grand Lodge of the United States,'—this written in very large letters, but just underneath in very small letters, 'in the District of Columbia?'"

We are very loth to lose the old name, "The Grand Lodge of Canada," under which we were formed, and by which we are so well known all over the masonic world, and under which we have progressed so well, but we are free to confess that the other Grand Lodges in the Dominion have a right to feel that any one of them is as much the Grand Lodge of the geographical Canada as we are. The time may soon come when we can simplify our title to the "Grand Lodge of Ontario," and thus remove any cause of complaint.

M.W. Bro. John S. Clute, (New Westminster,) G.M.

R.W. Bro. Henry Brown, (Victoria,) G.S.

## CALIFORNIA.

40th Communication, San Francisco, Oct. 12, 1889.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. M. M. Estee, being one of the Delegates to the International Congress, was not able to be present, and his address was read by the Deputy. The craft has prospered beyond precedent. On life memberships and banquets, Bro. Estee says :—

"It appeared on examination that there were eighty odd members in the lodge, and that the annual expenses at least equalled, if they did not exceed, the sum of \$700; that if every member paid the \$50 for a life-membership it would only amount to the sum of about \$1,500; and that such amount, placed at interest at 8 per cent. per annum, would not produce more than half enough money to pay the actual annual expenses of the lodge. I was therefore compelled to disapprove the amendment to its by-laws. I now take occasion to recommend that there be some legislation upon the question of life-memberships; that they should not be authorized or permitted within this Jurisdiction, unless upon payment of an amount equivalent to the life dues of a member; and that the amount thus received should be put into a special and permanent fund, the principal of which should be sacred, the interest alone being subject to use by the lodge."

"During the past masonic year, I have received several communications from various lodges, requesting my approval of changes in their by-laws relative to the revenue of the lodges. Where I thought it was safe or wise to do so, I have complied with the request; in other instances I have not. In one especial instance, where a lodge had expended during the past year seventeen dollars and fifty cents for charities, and ninety-one dollars for banquets, I was compelled not only to decline complying with the request, so far as the reduction of the dues was concerned, but to remind the members of the lodge that they had violated one of the leading principles of our Order. Need I repeat what has been so often said before, that no money can be appropriated from the funds of a lodge to pay the expenses of a banquet? It would seem hardly necessary to continue to impress this upon the minds of the members of the Craft, but I would suggest that if, after this additional notice, the law continues to be violated, those lodges failing to comply with the plain letter of the law, be disciplined. In the in-

stance above referred to, I did not feel inclined to go to extreme measures, in view of the fact that they seemed to have acted from a want of knowledge on the subject, rather than from any desire to disobey the edicts of the Grand Lodge."

The venerable Grand Secretary presented his thirty-fourth annual report, he having been continuously in office since 1855. Notwithstanding his failing health, he still continues to attend at his office and perform his multifarious duties. He mentions the request of their lodge at Honolulu in the Hawaiian Islands for a remission of dues, which the Grand Lodge granted.

Two Past Grand Masters received assistance in their old age and distressed condition to the amount of \$1,680 yearly, and their protégé, young Master Walter Wilcox, received a grant of \$25 per month.

Bro. James Wright Anderson is the author of a masonic manual, which was heartily recommended by the Grand Lodge as a complete compilation of their masonic law. Bro. Anderson is also the author of the report on correspondence. In his notice of Canada for 1888, he says:—

"It pleases us to notice the refusal of the Grand Master to grant leave to confer the three degrees on a candidate on the same evening. The reason for preferring the request was that the candidate was about to start on an extended traveling tour. There has been too much railroading of candidates, and we think the interests of the fraternity would be much better conserved by putting on the brakes.

The Grand Master is opposed to the permissive use of a system of work different from the authorized and generally adopted ritual. We have observed that some Masters of Lodges in our own jurisdiction are very prone to drag into our work excerpts like the Thanotopsis, etc., as we think, more for the purpose of displaying their own vanity than that of impressing the candidate. All such practices should be strictly prohibited. Our laws forbid the use of any but the authorized work; and Inspectors and the Grand Master should see that such laws are enforced. The work is even now too long.

We endorse fully the opinions of Grand Master Robertson relative to the publication of masonic matters in the public press. Nothing but the most carefully selected items of masonic news should be contributed."

We may inform Bro. Anderson that our "healing" operations were confined to those who had been led by misrepresentations to join a clandestine lodge, and they were not occasioned by any negligence on the part of any of our lodges.

We find the following in his notice of Illinois:—

"Bro. Robbins holds with Bro. Schultz, of Maryland, that the laying of corner stones, the unveiling of monuments, the dedication of halls, the burial of a brother, and any other duty which a lodge may perform in public, is masonic labor and can not be performed while the craft are at refreshment. Some of our brethren of the guild seem to us to unduly magnify this matter of 'calling off,' or 'calling from labor to refreshment.' We see no very great importance attaching to it, and consider these terms as merely indicative of the fact that a lodge has something to perform, which, being necessarily public, cannot be done while the lodge is under any restriction of secrecy. These terms have been continued as convenient expressions to indicate that the lodge has work to do that cannot be done as the ordinary work of the lodge is done. They have lost their literal signification. We, in California, 'call off' and 'call on,' and find no inconvenience arising from the practice. When we call off, or call from labor to refreshment, we don't mean literal refreshment. The lodge has temporarily dropped its esoteric character for the purpose of performing work that is necessarily of a public character. The brethren are temporarily absolved from the requirements of the tiled lodge; and the work which is to be done during the interval is not such work as would be strictly termed masonic work, but is public work which our usages permit us to do in public manner. We all know what these terms signify, and it seems unnecessary to discuss them.

As to the question, 'whether other persons than masons should be permitted to act as pall-bearers at funerals,' we are of opinion that, the work being of a public character, unmingled with any of the esoteric work of the lodge, there can be no impropriety in having any parties act as pall-bearers. We might about as well think of ruling out the horses that draw the hearse, the driver of the horses, or the relatives of the deceased. With all due deference to our learned confreres, and their finely spun arguments *pro* and *con*, we are of the opinion that such questions are too much magnified in their importance, as are many others in masonry. We are inclined to think that much of this discussion is 'born of sentiment, rather than reflection,' as

our brother says of the talk about 'forms' and 'technicalities' of masonic trials. These outside species of work must be done, and it does not appear to us as making much difference whether we consider the lodge as open, or called off, or closed."

Bro. Anderson thinks that the Grand Lodge is superior to the Grand Master. Quite right. He is also sound on the question of perpetual jurisdiction :—

"The first of these subjects is Perpetual Jurisdiction. Bro. Vaux is an advocate of this almost obsolete dogma. He thinks that the relation between the profane and the craft is established by the mere act of petitioning, and that this act binds him in perpetual allegiance to the lodge which he may at first select. Once the petition is presented, the lodge obtains jurisdiction. If, afterwards, he is not recommended, his petition being of record in the lodge forever binds him, and his whole masonic after-life is governed by his unsevered tie to the lodge from which he first sought to obtain masonic rights. Well, such doctrine, we are glad to say, obtains not in California. It ought not to obtain anywhere. If justice is the standard by which we act, it would not anywhere obtain. It is on a par with that effete doctrine which formerly was held by certain nations relative to expatriation, but which 'Uncle Sam' has relegated among the things that were. We maintain that change of residence releases from the jurisdiction of the lodge, and that as soon as the profane has established his right by length of residence in the jurisdiction of another lodge, he ought to be privileged to apply thereto for the degrees. Bro. Vaux argues that the initial tie is still binding because, forsooth, his petition, and the lodge's action thereon, are recorded on the lodge records."

M.W. Bro. Morris M. Estee, (San Francisco,) G.M.

R.W. Bro. Alexander G. Abell, (San Francisco,) G.S.

### COLORADO.

29th Communication, Denver, Sept. 17, 1889.

M.W. Bro. William D. Todd, G.M.

They have a peculiar way of opening the Grand Lodge. It is opened in due form by the Deputy Grand Master, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain. Then the Deacons are directed to inform the Grand Master that the Grand Lodge is open and awaits his pleasure. Then the Grand Master enters, is received with the grand honors and assumes the gavel. That is about our ceremony when the Grand Master visits a subordinate lodge, but we fail to see its appropriateness in a Grand Lodge. The Grand Master is the presiding officer of the Grand Lodge, and he should open it himself, unless prevented by some unavoidable occurrence.

The Grand Master organized four new lodges. He believes in masonic homes, yet thinks that a board with a masonic fund can do more good to a larger number than a board with a masonic home. He decided that one who had served as Warden anywhere in a chartered lodge is eligible to election there as Master. He says he is responsible for their opening ceremony, and that he had it changed because their former ceremony was not correct.

The following resolution and reports were adopted :—

"Resolved, That M.W. Bro. H. P. H. Bromwell, Past Grand Master of Illinois, and at present a member of Denver Lodge, No. 5, Denver, Colorado, be and he is hereby declared duly elected as an honorary member of this M.W. Grand Lodge."

"The Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully recommend that sections 72 and 73 of the by-laws be changed to read as follows :—

72—Objection by a member in good standing to the initiation of an elected candidate shall have the same effect as an unfavorable ballot. Such objection, when made, shall be reported to the lodge at the next regular communication, and the fact of such objection shall be entered of record without the name of the brother objecting. The candidate shall then be declared rejected, and his money returned, as in other cases of rejection. Such objection shall have no other or greater force than an unfavorable ballot.

73—Objection to the advancement of a brother, made by a member in good standing, shall stop all further proceedings until the objection be withdrawn or otherwise disposed of, or the objector's membership ceases. When such objection is made, the fact and the name of the objecting brother shall be entered of record.

The lodge may, at a regular communication, upon at least two weeks' notice to the objecting brother, take up and try the sufficiency of the objection, and if deemed sufficient, all fees for degrees unconferrd shall be at once returned, and the candidate shall not be advanced until the objection is withdrawn or the objector's membership ceases. If the objection is deemed insufficient, the candidate may be advanced." \* \* \*

"Your committee, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address relating to 'Masonic bodies,' respectfully report as follows: Your committee recognize and emphatically declare the unqualified power of this Grand Lodge as the sovereign and supreme masonic authority in this state, to decide what bodies are and what are not 'Masonic bodies;' the question of exercising that power is therefore a question of policy only.

At the last session of this Grand Lodge, it placed on record a resolution declaring what degrees in masonry it will recognize, and your committee are of the opinion that no *so called* masonic bodies, other than those mentioned in that resolution, can be considered in any sense 'Masonic bodies' in this state.

Your committee are of the opinion that that resolution should be sufficient to prevent any good masons paying allegiance to this Grand Lodge, from hereafter becoming members of any bodies claiming to be masonic, other than those mentioned in that resolution."

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf, and notices Canada for 1888. He says "Ontario" was not received. We wonder what he means. There is no Grand Lodge of Ontario.

M.W. Bro. William T. Bridwell, (Canon City,) G.M.

R.W. Bro. Ed. C. Parmelee, (Pueblo,) G.S.

#### CONNECTICUT.

A special meeting was held May 8, 1889, to consider the petition of more than 150 members of the late Hiram Lodge, No. 1, for the restoration of their charter. The following report was adopted with but two dissenting votes :—

"*Resolved*, That the charter of Hiram Lodge, No. 1, be and the same is hereby restored to the petitioners therefor, and to such other members of said lodge as were, at the time of the revocation of said charter, and who still are in good masonic standing, and who shall affix their signatures to the said petition.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Master be requested to issue a summons to the brethren designated in the foregoing resolution, calling a meeting of such members of said lodge for the purpose of electing the officers thereof, and that upon such election the Grand Master be requested to deliver the said charter, and install the officers so elected.

"*Resolved*, That all other matters relative to said lodge be referred to the Grand Master."

102nd Communication, Hartford, January 15, 1890.

M.W. Bro. John H. Swartwout, G.M.

He reports having visited Hiram Lodge, and healing 57 clandestinely made masons, affirmative answers having been given to the following interrogatories :

"First,—Did the candidate reside within the jurisdiction of New Haven lodges when clandestinely made?

"Second,—Have they again been balloted for, and was the ballot clear?

"Third,—Have they paid the difference, if any, between the sum originally paid and the minimum prescribed by the Grand Lodge?

"The candidates were then re-obligated in the several degrees and signed the by-laws."

On unauthorized appeals for aid, he says :—

"No appeal for aid, purporting to emanate from lodges either within or without this jurisdiction, should be acted upon by any lodge, unless such appeal bear the endorsement of the Grand Master."

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut is a new incorporation, having a charter from the State for the permanent relief and education of poor and distressed Masons, their widows and orphans. The Grand Lodge Charity Fund of \$10,082.53 was handed over to the new body.

Seven expelled members of Hiram Lodge were restored.

In his review of Iowa, Bro. Wheeler says :—

"Former efforts to establish a masonic widows' and orphans' home, have proved unsuccessful in this jurisdiction, but the Grand Master again advocates action, and the subject was referred, with favourable recommendations, but a substitute for so much as related to the home, again inflicted its death-blow; but it will again rise, like the "fabled ghost," to haunt them, until the true spirit shall have been instilled into the body of the Craft. Our experience for many years shows that this objection, arising against organized charities by Grand Lodges, is prompted by fear of taxation for supporting anything of a charitable nature, and the plea that the plan of providing by the lodges is preferable, is only a flimsy pretext, which usually ends in nothing, is at the best but a little better than nothing for the destitute. The proper method is to remove the cause of the objection, *i. e.*, taxation, and open the scheme for voluntary offerings, thereby affording an opportunity to such as have open hearts, and whose masonry can go down from their lips to their purse, to contribute; and those who do not, can leave it alone, as they will do without doubt."

Our proceedings for 1889 are noticed and our benevolence is styled a good showing, considering our Grand Lodge "has only completed one-third of a century."

M.W. Bro. Clark Buckingham (New Haven), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler (Hartford), G.S.

### DAKOTA.

15th Communication, Mitchell, June 11th, 1889.

M.W. Bro. John Q. A. Braden, G.M.

The membership has increased from 4,088 to 4,595, and the average lodge membership from 40 to 43. He formed five new lodges. The Grand Lecturer visited twenty-nine lodges, holding Schools of Instruction for sixty-nine days, at an expense to the Grand Lodge of \$204.40. The Grand Master decided that a Master Mason in good standing and whose dues are paid and who is under no charges, is entitled to a dinit and that his motive for asking for it cannot be inquired into. He acknowledges the gift from Bro. T. S. Parvin, of Iowa, of the first masonic document of Dakota, being the original petition for the first lodge in Dakota. On the division of their territory, he says:—

"Congress, at its recent session, provided for the division of the territory, and its admission into the Union as the States of South Dakota and North Dakota. The people of South Dakota have already practically adopted a constitution, and there is no doubt but each of the proposed States will become such in fact in a few months. To conform to the American plan of territorial jurisdiction will necessitate the division of this Grand Lodge, or the erection of a new Grand Lodge in North Dakota. I know of no precedent to follow. Perhaps the nearest case to our own is that of the Grand Lodge of Canada. When Canada was divided into the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, Ontario, having the largest number of lodges, retained the original name, property and effects of the Grand Lodge, and a new Grand Lodge was formed for the Province of Quebec. I commend this subject to your fraternal consideration, and doubt not but that your conclusions will result in action that will be equitable and satisfactory to each of the sections."

A report against "Cernean" Masonry was adopted.

The division was carried out by the adoption of the following resolutions:

"1st. *Resolved*,—That in response to the unanimously expressed desire of the representatives from the lodges existing in Dakota north of the seventh standard parallel this Grand Lodge does hereby accord to the representatives from what is known as North Dakota with fraternal regards and kind wishes, full, free, and cordial consent to withdraw from this Grand Lodge for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge to be known as the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, A. F. & A. M., to occupy and hold exclusive masonic jurisdiction in all that portion of Dakota, north of the seventh standard parallel.

"2nd. *Resolved*,—That a committee of ten be at once appointed to report a just and equitable division of all moneys and other Grand Lodge property."

The funds and property were divided in the proportion of one-third to North Dakota with twenty-six lodges, and two-thirds to South Dakota with seventy-three lodges. On the following day, the new Grand Lodge of North Dakota was formed and received full and hearty

recognition from the parent body, and all past and present Grand Officers of the new body were made honorary members of the old body.

Bro. F. J. Thompson reports on correspondence and notices our proceedings of 1888.

M.W. Bro. Geo. V. Ayres (Deadwood), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Charles T. McCoy (Aberdeen), G.S.

#### DELAWARE.

83rd Communication, Wilmington, Oct. 2nd, 1889.

M. W. Bro. James S. Dobb, G.M.

Among the representatives appointed we notice the name of R.W. Bro. John B. Trayes, for Canada. The Grand Master visited all the 21 lodges except two, and found them generally healthy and flourishing. On their diversity of work he says:—

“I timed my visits to a majority of the Subordinate Lodges so as to witness them conferring the Degrees; nearly all did their work well, but I think I can safely say, that if you take any number of Lodges say “twelve” you will witness twelve different kinds of work. I declined on a number of occasions to do the work, because, as I stated at the time, I could only give them my work, which has never been and is not the authorized work of this Jurisdiction

“Like my predecessors I think this to be deplored, and further I think it a shame, and does not speak well for the Jurisdiction, which being so small, with only twenty-one (21) active Lodges, that we do not have a uniform work. Even in this city containing six lodges, all meeting in the same room, no two work alike.

“While on this point, I will say, that in the past it would have been very hard to establish a uniform work, on account of each lodge believing their work to be *the work*; but it is my experience and observation during my visits to the different lodges that they are now one and all ready and anxious to have a uniform work, and will do anything to accomplish the same.”

The Grand Master laid the corner stone of Delaware Hospital, and he remarks that it was the first occasion in 40 years that the fraternity had been invited to perform this ceremony at a public building intended for other than masonic uses.

The Grand Lodge declined to discuss or consider any questions relating to the rival claims of contending bodies of the Scottish Rite.

A standing committee was appointed to establish “a work” for this jurisdiction.

Our proceedings for 1888 are noticed. We are glad to see that Bro. Lewis H. Jackson, the Chairman, does not believe in public installations.

M.W. Bro. James S. Dobb, (Wilmington,) G.M.

R.W. Bro. William S. Hayes, (Wilmington,) G.S.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

79th Communication, Washington, Nov. 13th, 1889.

M.W. Bro. Harrison Dingman, G.M.

His address is largely taken up with the “Cerneau” Scottish Rite controversy, and he unhesitatingly condemns all the irregulars, but most inconsistently, he allows the “Nobles of the Mystic Shrine” to occupy a lodge room solemnly dedicated to masonic purposes. On official visits he says:—

“Our brethren of former years, who were the means of placing on our records the requirement relative to our system of annual visitations to the lodges of the District, built wiser than they thought, for what was originally intended as a duty has now become a most happy and pleasant method of enjoyment to all participating. Large and enthusiastic meetings are the regular order. Eloquent and instructive letters, enjoyable music, both vocal and instrumental, and in a large majority of cases, bountiful supplies of the good things of life have made our annual visits to the lodges something to be looked forward to with longings not easily forgotten. \* \* \*

“During the year the demands upon my time have been so pressing that I have not

been able to visit some of the lodges only at yearly visitations, but for this neglect I have made my excuses to them. It is a very happy task, however, to report that with hardly an exception the lodges are in a flourishing condition, well attended, in a fair financial condition, and with ample work to keep the officers engaged in perfecting themselves.

"Last year our report showed the membership to be 3,315, and at the close of Acacia Lodge, last evening, the record presented the following as the work since one year ago, viz :

"Raised, 211; Affiliated, 85; reinstated, 35; withdrawn, 48; died, 45; dropped, 61. Present number 3,492, showing an net increase of 177.

There has been expended for charity in the lodges the sum of \$3,094.69, and which speaks well for the true Masonic spirit pervading our jurisdiction."

Grand Lodge decided that the Grand Master had no power to suspend one of the by-laws of a constituent lodge after said by-laws had been approved by the Grand Lodge.

In the report on correspondence by the Grand Secretary, we find the following on the burial of non-affiliates :—

"The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia at one time passed a resolution, saying that an unaffiliated Mason was not *entitled* to Masonic burial; neither is he in the abstract, but that resolution was abrogated by a Constitutional provision, and now, if any lodge so decides, it may give these honors to a worthy brother if the circumstances are of a character to warrant it."

Also the following on prerogatives :—

"The lodge, as an organization for business purposes, is far more ancient than any ritual. In 1717 the legends of Solomon and his temple had not been introduced into our rituals, for there was no ritualism, as we have shown in the treatise referred to. Then was made the first Grand Master, and in four years thereafter was made a 'constitution' or 'regulations,' by which he, as well as the Craft were to be governed. The *inherent* powers or prerogatives of the W. Master and the Grand Master are *myths*, unworthy of the consideration of sensible men, and were the products of Lawrence Dermott, or MacDermott, the author of the first 'Ahiman Rezon,' which caused so much trouble in the last century and spread its noxious principles into some of our colonies.

"The admission into the regular body, or Grand Lodge of England, in 1813, while it settled all questions of jurisprudence in England and its colonies, the seeds of its pernicious principles have since continued to spread far and wide in the United States; hence the difference found among our very best writers upon Masonic law and practice, and it will grow no better, each one contending that his way is the only way. What we, personally, have urged continually is, that each is correct in his views, provided he be consistent throughout. In the different States of our Union there are different laws upon certain points. Yet we have never known that any one State has endeavored to force *all* the other States to conform to its laws, in all particulars. Yet there are writers on Masonic law, who yet insist that the laws, rules, regulations, edicts, manners and customs of their jurisdiction are the only genuine ones, and all others are wrong when they do not conform to their peculiar views. 'Bigotry is the child of ignorance.'"

Bro. Singleton thinks that we should not be too exclusive in our relations with foreign grand bodies :—

"We notice in the tables that *Spain* has a Grand Representative in Oregon. We have endeavored to ascertain the correct status of Masonry in Spain, and so far have been unable to satisfy our mind as to the *simon pure* Grand Body in that country, as there are several claimants to the territory, and we await further developments in that quarter. This is also the case in respect to Chili—with which latter country we were once in fraternal relations—that was when we exchanged Representatives with nearly all the Grand Orient of the world. Since, however, the real status of Grand Orient has been better understood, our American Grand Lodges, generally, have thought it best not to have such official relations with Masonic powers differing from our system of Grand Lodges in their constitutions. We do not agree with that opinion. It is too exclusive in its character; and were we to have our own way, should enter into fraternal relations with *all* Masonic powers wherever they may be regularly established.

"Whenever an American Mason presents himself abroad he is recognized, welcomed, and receives fraternal courtesies, provided he has the proper vouchers, and is never questioned as to his *Rite*. Hence, we should be equally courteous to all visiting brethren, from any country, who present *their* patents from the governing body. Whenever we talk to profanes we boast of the *universality* of Masonry, yet deny recognition of, and refuse to correspond with, Masonic powers established and acknowledged all over the world, before some of our Grand Lodges had an existence, and when the territory occupied by them now, was then a howling wilderness filled with wild beasts and wilder Indians."

In his review of Virginia, Bro. Singleton says :—

"In the report of the committee on jurisprudence upon the subject of Grand Lecturer and his associates and the recommendation to change the Methodical Digest, at the conclusion thereof we find the following :

"If we may be pardoned for venturing an opinion, we conceive that under the guidance of the present Grand Working Committee and custodians of the work (as so beautifully exemplified before us at this Grand communication), the Craft in this Grand jurisdiction may proudly boast that they are as near, if not nearer, than all others in that which was first promulgated by Solomon, King of Israel; Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff, at the building of the temple."

"What do our brethren in the Grand Lodge of England say to this? What in Pennsylvania? What in the great West? in the Northwest? in the New England States?"

"Now, all of these differ very *materially* from each other, and from this—so perfect work—in Virginia."

"Did William Preston, whose work is the Virginia work, get his ideas from King Solomon? or did he only improve upon the work of Hutchinson and Dunkerly? Hutchinson's work, the foundation of Preston's, was elaboration of the original Entic lectures, and Entic's was an improvement upon the Anderson's and Desaguliers."

"And this report was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia!!! 'Where ignorance is bliss, 'twere folly to be wise.'"

M.W. Bro. James A. Sample, G.M.

R.W. Bro. William R. Singleton, G.S. Address, Masonic Temple, Washington, D. C.

### FLORIDA.

61st Communication, Jacksonville, Jan'y 21st, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Henry W. Long, G.M.

In the address of the Grand Master he gives us a beautiful picture of their favored land :—

"Our fair State, no longer content with its equable climate, its beautiful rivers, its silver lakes and immense forests of valuable timber, has thrown off her swaddling clothes of infancy, and by the onward and upward hand of progress, railroads, almost as by the hand of magic, have been pushed to completion, and now, in many places where a few decades back the red man reigned supreme amid the primeval surroundings of his wigwam, beautiful hamlets, growing towns, flourishing schools, churches and Masonic Lodges are springing up; and to-day the citizens of Florida, through the efforts of the twin sisters in enterprise, the Sub-Tropical Exposition at Jacksonville, and the Semi-Tropical at Ocala, are exhibiting to the world the wonderful productions and resources of our sunny clime, many of whom, like the Queen of Sheba of ancient times, are exclaiming, 'It was a true report I heard in my own country; howbeit I believed not until I came and had seen with mine eyes, and behold the one-half was not told unto me.'"

Eight new lodges were formed. The Cerneau Rite was denied the right to occupy this jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge accepted an invitation to visit the sub-tropical exhibition, but before the close of the session, the following resolution was adopted :—

"WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge fully appreciates the courtesies and hospitality extended to it, but finds that it interferes with the progress of its work; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge will, in future, decline to accept any invitation that will necessitate neglect of its business, appearance in public in regalia, or any entertainment offered outside the building in which the Grand Lodge is held."

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence and has a good notice of Canada for 1889. We are very much surprised to learn that Bro. Dawkins thinks that the Grand Lodge can be held at a number of different places at the same time. We approve of the following :—

"Among the great variety of subjects presented in this report which are now going the rounds of discussion, there are at least three prominent subjects which were, perhaps, as much discussed twenty-one years ago, to-wit: 'Inherent Prerogatives of Grand Masters,' 'Physical Disqualifications of Candidates,' and 'Perpetual Jurisdiction over Rejected Material.' But we think that a large majority of the Grand Jurisdictions have settled down upon the following reasonable conclusions upon the subjects :

"1st. That the sovereign power of Masonry is in the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Master is subservient thereto as a creature to its creator.

"2nd. That the Masonic Lodge is the proper judge as to whether or not a candidate is physically competent to be properly conducted through the ceremonies of the three several degrees, being responsible to the Grand Lodge, or its authority, for the discreet

exercise of its power, and that this subject is secondary in importance to the moral and mental fitness

"3rd. That when a rejected candidate shall have removed from the Jurisdiction of the rejecting lodge, the said lodge has no further jurisdiction over him, but will answer truly all due inquiries that may be made concerning him from any other lodge to which he may apply for initiation into Masonry."

M.W. Bro. Henry W. Long (Martel), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Dewitt C. Dawkins (Jacksonville), G.S.

### IDAHO.

22nd Communication, Boise City, Sept. 10th, 1889.

M.W. Bro. John Hunter, G.M.

Harmony prevails. The California work having been adopted, a Grand Lecturer was elected, and he is to obey the instructions of the Grand Master in disseminating the work.

Bro. Charles C. Stevenson reports on correspondence and notices Canada for 1888. He is sound on the perpetual jurisdiction rule:—

"In regard to perpetual jurisdiction, we believe that the jurisdiction laws of our land are the best to be followed. That because a man once voted in Florida, or was refused suffrage there, he should be prevented from so doing in Idaho, would not be tolerated a moment in law. Why should we as Masons attempt it? We are all, or are supposed to be, intelligent men, and can reason for ourselves, and are not bound to forever follow a rule simply because it is old. Again, is it right to continually hold a man, no matter how good and true he may be, preventing him from getting light and being raised to a station that he would adorn, simply because you got him once, and hold on like a snapping-turtle for grim death. You know that like the turtle or bull-dog, that if you would stop to reason a moment and let go for one instant, that your victim would escape, for in the light of reason so untenable a position could not be maintained. Keep control over your rejected material for the constitutional time—say one year—then let him go, and peace be with him. If he makes false statements thereafter, he is unworthy, and it will be for his near associates to find him out and discipline him. By the abolition of the bull-dog tenacity doctrine, the numerous heart-burnings caused by its violation will be eradicated, and peace and harmony prevail among the craft."

M.W. Bro. George L. Shoup (Boise City), G.M.

R.W. Bro. James H. Wickersham (Boise City), G.S.

### ILLINOIS.

50th Communication, Chicago, Oct. 1st, 1889.

M.W. Bro. John C. Smith, G.M.

No sound of discord is heard in any of the lodges of this large and populous jurisdiction. We deeply regret to learn of the death of Past Grand Master Darrah, whose acquaintance we were privileged to make in 1887. The Grand Master formed seven new lodges. Among the representatives appointed was R.W. Bro. David McLellan for Canada. On the work, Bro. Smith says:—

#### SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

"The schools this year have been five, the number adopted by my predecessors, and I think sufficient. It gives the maximum benefit of instruction at five prominent places in the State and for the minimum cost. I attended each one of them two or more days.

"Dividing the Board has worked well; it has reduced the expense of schools, and what is of more good to the Craft is the fact that the Deputy Grand Lecturers, Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren are now given a chance to assist in the work and are thus enabled to perfect themselves in the standard ritual.

"I have nothing to add to my remarks and recommendations of last year. This Board does much in securing uniformity of work, adds character and dignity to the same, and is worth all it now costs—\$877.05. I am at the same time firmly of the opinion that the social feature ought to be more frequently cultivated; that lodges should meet promptly at the hour fixed in by-laws, transact their business, get through their work and close. The crowding of too much ritual into one evening, and the late hours of work in some lodges, is very distasteful to many—ought to be to all—and causes many to lose interest in the meetings, some to leave lodge-room as soon as work commences, and others to remain away except on special occasions.

## JUNIOR STANDARD TEAM.

"This is not a team, nor even a committee, authorized by Grand Lodge; but it is the association of a number of excellent ritualists in charge of Grand Lecturer, R. W. Brother James John, which has met the approval of Grand Master. A good work has been done by this 'Team,' a work that is not on their floor plan; but I assure you they are as proficient in its science as in the ritual, particularly the Grand Lecturer. It is this: The 'junior Standard Team' is known to be in readiness to go to any lodge for the purpose of conferring the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, and without the 'hope of fee or reward.' Let it be known that the Junior Standard Team is to confer a degree in Garden City Lodge, and there is an increased attendance of the members of the lodge and a greater increase of members of other lodges. In addition to this there is a spread, a banquet, a luncheon, and thus the 'Standard Team' is unwittingly adding much toward building up a good, healthy sentiment in favor of this good old Masonic custom."

The report of the Grand Secretary is exceedingly interesting, and we must copy at least the following:—

"The table which follows will show that since 1850 there has been a fair growth in all the States of the Union except in Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, South Carolina, Mississippi, Nevada, Rhode Island and Tennessee, and in all the Territories. The loss of membership or the decrease in the number of lodges in these few jurisdictions has been owing I believe in two cases to the rigid enforcement of new regulations more stringent than former ones. This general growth, which has in the main borne a natural relation to the increase of population, has been increased in the following jurisdictions to a growth of 100 per cent. or more, viz.: Colorado, Dakota, Indian Territory, Nebraska and New Mexico.

"The latest returns show that in the United States there are 48 Grand Lodges, 10,088 constituent lodges, and a total membership of 609,463.

"The returns of 1850 showed that in our own jurisdiction at that date there were 691 constituent lodges with a membership of 36,379. The returns of the current year show the existence of 681 lodges, with a membership of 41,479. It will thus be seen that the last decade has seen an increase of about 14 per cent. in membership, with a decrease in the number of lodges. This decrease has been owing largely to consolidation of neighboring lodges whose existence as individual lodges was precarious. Of course the decrease has occurred while new lodges of apparent strength have been formed and as old lodges of insufficient vitality have been withdrawn. In this increase of the past ten years, Chicago does not seem to have had its share unduly. The Chicago of 1850 had 37 lodges and 5,306 members. To-day the newly enlarged Chicago has 49 lodges with a membership of 7,288. This shows an increase of about 1,982 members, while other parts of the State furnish a growth of 3,123. This showing is satisfactory, as it indicates that the growth of Masonry with us has been conservative and general throughout the jurisdiction.

"The decade between 1870 and 1880 presents no special feature. There seems, however, in many of the large jurisdictions to have been a sort of settling down to a more solid basis—a movement perhaps in sympathy with the political and financial movements of these years. Between 1860 and 1870 the Masonic world seems to have known a period of remarkable growth. The reaction which set in after the anti-Masonic agitation of earlier days could hardly have spent its force, for in those troublous years one would hardly have expected the institution to have shown so large an increase as the table shows, no less in Southern States than at the North.

"During the decades next marked in our schedule, those of 1850-1860 and 1840-1850, Masonry was beginning its second growth, for the excitement growing out of the Morgan affair and the consequent anti-Masonic agitation of the Thirties found the constituent lodges throughout the United States in depleted numbers in the year 1840. From that date until the year 1860 the growth of Masonry was very rapid, and with the decay of prejudice and the increased attention paid to other subjects of agitation the Institution flourished and waxed strong with a strength which increases still.

"The table will show that in 1800 there were 11 Grand Lodges, 347 constituent lodges, and a membership estimated at 16,000 or 17,000.

"As to the year 1760 such information as we can possibly offer can bear no relation to the problem of the growth of Masonry, and is of purely historic interest. The question presents itself as to whether any Grand Lodges exist in our country which can make a valid claim to an existence to or beyond that date. What we shall offer in reference to this inquiry will be presented merely for such interest as may be connected therewith. No attempt will be made to settle any controversy that might very justly be started with reference thereto. The most that we shall do, the most that our meagre information and our spare moments will allow to be done, will be to speak of the claims of the Grand Bodies which themselves claim to have existed at or prior to the year 1760.

"Massachusetts claims to have possessed a Grand Jurisdiction continuously from the year 1733. This is the oldest claim of a definite character made by any Grand Lodge in the United States. From a communication of the Grand Secretary, Sereno D. Nickerson, Esq., we make the following quotation, in which is set forth the claim of Massachusetts:

"The first Provincial Grand Lodge ('Moderns') was organized on the 30th of July, 1733, by Henry Price and ten other brethren in the town of Boston, under a warrant issued by the Grand Master of England, Lord Viscount Montague. There were no lodges existing here at that time, so far as is now known.

"In 1764 there were 22 lodges, as nearly as can be ascertained, existing under the authority of this 'St. John's Grand Lodge.'

"On the 27th of December, 1769, the 'Massachusetts Grand Lodge' was organized by three lodges existing under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and known as the 'Ancients.' On the 8th of March, 1777, this body was reorganized as an Independent Grand Lodge, having four lodges under its jurisdiction.

"On the 1st of March, 1792, these two Grand Lodges were united under the title of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The new Grand Lodge had 22 lodges under its authority.

"The Massachusetts claim is that they had the first Provincial Grand Lodge, and that one of their Grand bodies was the first to reorganize as an Independent Grand Lodge. The validity of their claim must depend, first upon the regularity of such a Grand body constituted in the manner described, and again upon the evidence of the facts set forth. Naturally we only care to set forth the claim which Massachusetts has somewhat lately perhaps ventured. To substantiate the position of Massachusetts, the records of New Hampshire show that one of the three lodges which eventually formed in that State a separate Grand Lodge was chartered in 1736 by the St. John's Grand Lodge of Boston.

"From the Grand Secretary of South Carolina we quote:

"The Provincial Grand Lodge of South Carolina was established December 27th, 1737, under a deputation issued in 1736 by the Grand Master of England to John Hamerton, Esq., of S. C."

"The Second Grand Lodge in S. C., was the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons, established March 24th, 1757. This was some ten years after the original Grand Lodge had declared its independence to the mother Grand Lodge of England."

"On the 30th of May, 1817, these two bodies united into the present Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of S. C."

"The Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania writes that all the early minutes of their Grand Lodge were destroyed by fire, and hence no official information of date of organization exists. He writes, however, that "Bro. Benjamin Franklin in his newspaper of that date speaks of an election of Grand Lodge officers in 1732."

"Such evidence is of course worth what one is willing to grant to it, but it is certainly possible despite the non-existence of official evidence that Pennsylvania had the earliest Grand Lodge.

"Although there is in certain quarters a considerable skepticism regarding these Grand Bodies which claim an organization before 1760, there would still seem to be evidence strong enough at least to explain the patriotic claims of certain Grand Lodges interested in boasting of their early formation."

The Grand Lodge declined to discuss Cerneauism, knowing officially nothing about it or any other "ism" outside of the three symbolic degrees.

The cape stone of the new auditorium, a magnificent structure, ten stories high, was laid with full ceremonies. At the banquet in the evening, the semi-centennial anniversary of the organization was celebrated with the utmost enthusiasm.

The Grand Lodge declined to enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba, or with the Grand Lodge of Vera Cruz, the symbolic Grand Lodge of Spain, or the Grand Lodge of Italy. These bodies are either creations of a supreme council of the Scottish Rite, or subservient thereto, or emanate from the spurious rite of Memphis and Mizraim.

The report on correspondence by Bro. Joseph Robbins is an exhaustive review of 53 grand lodges, including Canada for 1888, and covers 245 pages of small type. Its extent prohibits us from doing it full justice. On Cerneauism, he says:—

"Meanwhile this is to the point on the only question which can interest the Grand Lodge. So long as these organizations do not trench upon the domain of Masonry, we have no interest in their interminable quarrels, except to determine that they shall not be brought into our Grand Lodge. The whole of their oligarchal system, so far as it has any claim to be legitimate Masonry, is not worth an hour of discord in the least of our lodges of Ancient Craft Masons."

M. W. Bro. John M. Pearson (Godfrey), G. M.

R. W. Bro. Loyal H. Munn (Freeport), G. S.

## INDIANA.

68th Communication, Indianapolis, May 28th, 1889.

M.W. Bro. Isaac P. Leyden, G.M.

The membership has very materially increased, and the craft is peaceful, prosperous, progressive and healthy. He arrested a charter because the lodge had failed to inflict a penalty upon two members who had been found guilty of selling liquor. He formed two new lodges and refused a third application. In answer to the question of establishing an orphans' home, 111 lodges replied *yes* and 144 lodges replied *no*.

The committee examining the books of the Grand Secretary found only two errors in ten years, both of them amounting to \$9.10, which he had charged himself too much. A good record.

The committee on jurisprudence quote the regulations governing District Deputy Grand Masters, and give their reasons for making no change therein:—

"1st, *Resolved*, That all laws or resolutions providing for the election of District Deputy Grand Masters shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

"2nd, *Resolved*, That the Grand Master be hereafter authorized to appoint the District Deputies annually, and to appoint as many and in such sections of the State as he may deem necessary.

"3rd, *Resolved*, That under no circumstances shall the Grand Lodge be responsible for the expenses connected with such appointments but that it shall be a private contract between them and the lodges they may instruct.

"These regulations, as we find, have never been repealed, changed or altered in any particular, but are in as full force and effect as they were when first adopted, thus placing the government of the Craft, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, under the exclusive control of the Grand Master, just where, in the opinion of your committee, it should always remain.

"Dividing the State into certain districts and appointing a Deputy Grand Master for each district by the Grand Lodge would virtually take the government of the Fraternity out of the hands of the Grand Master, and distribute it out among the several District Deputy Grand Masters, which would inevitably, in a very short time, produce such a state of discord and confusion as was found to exist in 1862, when the laws then existing were repealed and the present form adopted.

"As our present form of government has now been in force for the past twenty-seven years and has worked so well among our lodges, while an unusual degree of harmony and prosperity has attended their labors all along, we recommend that our regulations on this subject remain as they are, unchanged or modified."

The history of their liquor legislation is given as follows:—

"The use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, was, as early as 1828, discountenanced, and lodges and Worshipful Masters directed to discourage the evil.

"In 1844 the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage was declared to be a gross Masonic offence.

"In 1853 the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage was declared to be a Masonic offence. This position has since been maintained by this Grand Lodge, with but slight change, until 1870.

"In 1870 the law was amended by adding the latter clause of the section, 'and if a brother persists therein after being admonished by his lodge, it is the *duty* of the lodge to suspend or expel him.'"

Bro. Simeon S. Johnson reports on correspondence and notices us under the head of Ontario. We may explain that with us one is not a Past Master unless he has served as Master for twelve months.

1890.

69th Communication, Indianapolis, May 27th, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Thomas B. Long, G.M.

He decided several hundred questions of masonic law and formed five new lodges. The craft are healthy and prosperous. A large amount of local business was transacted. Bro. Simeon S. Johnson has the following on uniformity of work:—

"We have witnessed the work in many jurisdictions, and found a 'diversity,' but have never found any difficulty in recognizing a Mason, or being recognized as such. This old cry about the work, almost a 'chestnut,' comes up every year and, after all,

amounts to very little when we think what Masonry is, its teachings, its benefits, and the good it has done. It matters very little to the widow or the orphan, the needy or the sick, whether Brother A. crosses his t's and dots his i's just as Brother B. does. What matter to a beneficiary of the Home whether Sampson Lodge, 1 000, can confer the Third Degree as does Darius Lodge, 1,200, whether it is done in a room with Brussels, or a rag carpet, with or without robes. Those things are not all of Masonry. A man *could be* a good Mason and not know a Masonic lodge from that of a lodge of Pythians. He might not be a very 'bright worker,' to use the cant phrase, yet he might have all the virtues of one who had pledged himself to help, aid, and assist all worthy ones, etc. We do not mean that a knowledge of ritualistic work is not commendable, because it is, but such stress is laid upon this that we sometimes are almost led to believe that the ritualistic part of Masonry is all there is in the institution."

Our proceedings for 1889 are noticed.

M.W. Bro. Jacob J. Todd (Bluffton), G.M.

R.W. Bro. William H. Smythe (Indianapolis), G.S.

### INDIAN TERRITORY.

15th Communication, Purcell, Nov. 5th, 1889.

M.W. Bro. John Rennie, G.M.

The territory is becoming rapidly settled, and the growing demand for more lodges resulted in the issue of seven dispensations to those who had complied with all constitutional requirements.

The special committee on orphans' home made a very encouraging report of their efforts to raise funds, the total subscribed to date being \$1,172.00.

There are 29 lodges and 992 members.

Canada for 1889 receives due attention in the report on correspondence, and our benevolent record is characterized as magnificent. On the ancient landmarks, the committee say:—

"The brethren of the guild are continually relying upon 'ancient landmarks' for support in the propositions which they take. These so-called ancient landmarks have been in use so long for this purpose, that they are almost worn out; in fact it may be said about some of them that there is an 'ancient and fishlike smell' attaching to them. Masonry in its essentials is a modern institution. We have so departed from the regulations of the early patrons of our mysteries, and have so revised the rituals that the founders would not recognize themselves as at home in a Masonic lodge were they to drop in suddenly on any communication. The old work was of the simplest nature. The science remains, but so far as the rituals made use of prior to the organization of Grand Lodges is concerned, they are *non est inventus*. To-day in Masonry we have a set of symbols, a code of laws and a method of expression in most respects essentially modern. There remain, of course, forms which belong to the earlier periods, there remain also, methods made use of to enforce Masonic teachings which were thought sufficient in the early days; but we have added to these to such an extent, that some of them now look out of place. It would be far better were it possible to re-construct some of the methods of the system and make them more in accord with the spirit of to-day. Let us adhere to ancient landmarks in so far as ancient landmarks are essential to true Masonry, but where ancient landmarks cannot be conformed to the progress and spirit of our day let them all be relegated to the ancients and let us have in their stead such landmarks as are necessary to our day and generation. We have laid aside some of them—let us lay aside all that are not necessary—and all of which represent dead issues of the past."

M.W. Bro. Leo E. Bennett (Muskogee), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Joseph S. Murrow (Atoka), G.S.

### IOWA.

46th Communication, Sioux City, June 4th, 1889.

M.W. Bro. E. C. Blackmar, G.M.

Their new code of laws has given general satisfaction, and very few questions were presented to the Grand Master which could not be answered by reference to the code. Seven new lodges are reported. On the incorporation of lodges, Bro. Blackmar says:—

"Notwithstanding the fact that our old laws positively prohibited subordinate lodges from becoming incorporated under the general incorporation laws of the State, and

that a similar inhibition is expressed in our new code (Section 263), yet I find that quite a number of our lodges are incorporated, and as it is in direct conflict with the law, prompt measures should be instituted to enforce obedience.

"In all cases where my attention has been called to the fact that a lodge was incorporated I have directed that the necessary legal measures be taken for its dissolution, and I now recommend that the incoming Grand Master be instructed to ascertain from each lodge whether or not it is incorporated, and if so, the date thereof, and that he immediately notify all such lodges to proceed by the legal method to dissolve the incorporation, and report to him their compliance therewith.

"In any such cases where title to realty is held by such incorporation it can be transferred to lodge trustees before dissolving the incorporation, hence that fact need be no barrier to a dissolution. Section 99 of the code provides the authority for and method of electing lodge trustees, and defines their duties."

We also copy his remarks on special dispensations:—

"Under our new law, making *proficiency* the only pre-requisite for advancement, thus abrogating the old law, requiring not only proficiency, but also the lapse of a full lunar month between degrees, applications for special dispensations regarding advancement have become a thing of the past.

"Notwithstanding the well-settled doctrine announced in my address of last year, and unanimously confirmed by the Grand Lodge, to the effect that the powers of the Grand Master are limited to the provisions of the constitution and general laws of this jurisdiction, yet there seems to prevail an opinion in the minds of many of our lodge officers and brethren that the Grand Master is *immaculate* and super-human, having powers and authority above and higher than the laws which he has vowed to enforce, and that he can, at his own will and pleasure, set them at naught.

"In consequence of this mistaken opinion I have constantly been besieged with applications for dispensations authorizing a disregard of the law, and the range of subjects embraced in such applications are almost equal to the number of applications themselves.

"In all cases where the law was positive and its provisions unequivocal, with no discretionary power given the Grand Master to modify or waive its requirements, I have persistently, though courteously, declined to interfere with its operation.

"A large number of special dispensations have been issued during the year as authorized by law, nearly all, however, relating to the election and installation of officers, rendered necessary by failure to hold meetings at the time required by law, and through other unavoidable causes."

Bro. George B. Van Saun, the Visiting Custodian, held 85 schools of instruction during the year, and his efforts were abundantly successful. Over 3,500 brethren attended the sessions, and one would imagine that such a system would accomplish all that was needed, yet we find that they are still laboring under the same difficulty which prevailed in Ontario a few years ago:—

"The dissemination of the *work* and *lectures* is truly needed, and the brethren are anxious to obtain the instruction. The assertion may seem wild, and yet I am forced to make it, that probably not to exceed fifty per cent. of the lodges confer the degrees in full, leaving out the second and third sections of the first and third degrees *for a more convenient season*, and but slightly rendering the second section of the second degree!

"The novitiate into our mysteries, to grow in Masonic knowledge, must and should have the degree *fully conferred*, otherwise he becomes a *drone* rather than a *worker* in the hive of Freemasonry, and he fails to receive those teachings which the ethics of our institution are intended to impart.

"Could our Grand Lodge but remove, *root and branch*, with the besom of destruction the *trash*, the *abominable literature* that has been scattered so broadcast throughout this jurisdiction by nefarious peddlars of forbidden wares, then we would see the dawn of a new dispensation, as it were, in renewed interest among the craft to not only learn, but practice the teachings of our beautiful and impressive ritual.

"Those brethren who have and are still using this trash are obliged to *unlearn* and *relearn*, to become bright workers, thereby causing a greater amount of labor and application on their part as well as upon the part of the instructor. *It is forbidden fruit; away with it!*"

On the proposed orphans' home the following resolutions were adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Iowa is now, and always has been, favorable to the proper dispensation of Masonic charity; that the needy widows and orphans of deceased Masons should be well cared for by the surviving members of the order.

"That it is the sense of the Grand Lodge that the present method of caring for such widows and orphans, that is, by the lodge of which their deceased husbands and fathers were members, is preferable to that of building a widows' and orphans' home.

"That while the building of a home would, at great expense for building, salaries, and other necessary expenditures, provide for the wants of a few, the present method, at much less expense, provides sufficiently for the wants of all needy Masons."

Resolutions against the Cerneau Supreme Council were carried by a vote of 587 to 343, the minority apparently voting that the Grand Lodge should not interfere with Scottish Rite disputes.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence and notices Canada for 1889.

M.W. Bro. James D. Gamble (Knoxville), G.M.

R.W. Bro. T. S. Parvin (Cedar Rapids), G.S.

1890.

47th Communication, Ottumwa, June 3rd, 1890.

M.W. Bro. James D. Gamble, G.M.

The Grand Master found that the number of lodges that were incorporated was greater than was expected. He issued an edict requiring them to dissolve their incorporation, and it was generally obeyed. Two law suits were entered against the Grand Lodge by members of the Cerneau Scottish Rite, but the Grand Master had them defended, and was victorious all along the line.

Bro. Parvin is justly proud of their magnificent masonic library, which is unequalled in the world, and he is constantly adding to its many attractions. The committee say:—

"As every citizen of Iowa feels a just pride in the fact that the last general census shows that his state ranks first in point of intelligence, so every Iowa Mason must feel a like pride in knowing that the library of this Grand Lodge stands *first* among the Masonic libraries of the world.

"It has given us a place and standing which we could not have acquired in any other way, and proclaims in tones that may be heard in every land where Masonic light has penetrated the high character of its promoters, and the intelligence and advanced position of the Craft which has sustained it.

"This age of mental activity and progress demands like advancement on our part if we expect to make a proper impression upon the world, and attract to our lodges the choicest and best material of each community. The standard of intelligence, as well as that of morality and brotherly love, must be kept constantly advancing. We need more reading, thinking Masons, and better and stronger Masonic literature with which to supply them. They are necessary complements of each other, and a well filled Grand Lodge library is a necessity in this movement.

"In order to devise wisely let us glance a moment at what we already have. In addition to the complete proceedings of the several Grand Masonic Bodies and an extensive miscellaneous library, we would call your attention to a few of its specialties.

"Among these is a complete collection of all the constitutions of Freemasonry in all the various editions, English and American, from 1723 to date, and also the only known copy in existence of that of 1722; the largest known collection of constitutions of Grand Lodges and by-laws of old lodges, English and American; text-books of Masonry, English and American, from Preston to the present; Masonic histories from the first to the last, including the great work of Gould; a complete line of lexicons, encyclopedias, and works of Masonic jurisprudence; various works of Masonic symbolism, mythology, and the ancient religions of the world; very complete works on archaeology and the excavation and restoration of old and buried cities, and many of the most valuable works on chivalry, heraldry, and kindred topics.

"The archæological collection, medals, and old documents relating to Masonry are in many respects the most complete and extensive, as well as valuable, to be found anywhere.

"The Librarian, Grand Secretary Parvin, has been diligently at work for the past few years, as you all know, adding to it an Iowa department of great value. This includes all works and documents obtainable appertaining to the history of the State—its various institutions, churches, schools, secret societies, and other organizations, together with a collection of works of Iowa authors."

The report on correspondence is by the Grand Secretary. Bro. Parvin does not believe in absolute uniformity of work, and thinks that the essentials are all that should be required. We quote:—

"Our views upon the subject have been so often and grossly misrepresented, that we avail ourselves of this opportunity to repeat what we know and believe. We have been written to during the past year by more than half a dozen Grand Masters and

others in sister jurisdictions inquiring about the '*Iowa Work*.' In all such cases the writers used the phrase, or phrases, 'we learn that you have the 'Webb work', the 'ancient Webb work', the Webb-Preston work'; neither of which is true. We have the *Iowa Work*, only this and nothing more, and we don't want anything else. The work of Thomas Smith Webb, as he taught it in the last century, and early part of the present, is nowhere taught or practised in these latter days. Neither the ritual of New York, of Rhode Island, or of Massachusetts of 1890 is the same as that from 1791 to 1820, Webb's day. All of the Grand Lodges of the United States have time and again altered, changed, and modified their ritual, and there are no two jurisdictions in which the ritual is the same. In a large majority of them it differs in some essentials, and in all of them in non-essentials. In the lodges of some jurisdictions this arises from three or more causes. *First*. The mind of no two Masters or officers of our lodges or Grand Lodges were cast in the same mold, and it is a moral and physical impossibility for two men to think alike to any extent, even upon the same subject. A *second* cause is that very many Masters having been thoroughly educated in one school are unwilling to give up their preconceived views of work in exchange for any others, and their perversity becomes a stumbling-block in the way of securing uniformity. The *third*, a more patent reason, is that the acquisition of the ritual is a work of time, and requires a great deal of practice to become perfect in it. The Masters of our lodges who have learned one system of work do not have the time or patience to acquire a new method and substitute it for the old. Were even an angel from heaven to visit four hundred and more lodges in three hundred working days and instruct them in the work, when he came around again the next year he would find a new set of officers, under the beautiful system of 'rotation in office,' and be required to go over all his past labors with no better result."

Bro. Parvin has nothing but praise for our proceedings of 1889, and he compliments us all round. For which, thanks.

M.W. Bro. James D. Gamble (Knoxville), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Theodore S. Parvin (Cedar Rapids), G.S.

#### IRELAND.

There is nothing to add to our report of last year, except that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Victoria has been dropped.

The Earl of Abercorn is Grand Master, and the Earl of Bandon is Grand Secretary. Archibald St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, is Deputy Grand Secretary.

#### KANSAS.

33rd Communication, Wichita, Feb. 2nd, 1889.

M.W. Bro. Watson M. Lamb, G.M.

This jurisdiction is certainly masonically alive, as no less than seventeen new lodges were formed during the year. The Rev. Samuel C. Busser, Grand Orator, delivered an eloquent address on the meaning and influence of masonry. A proposal to omit from publication the names of masonic offenders was not approved. A recommendation by the Grand Master that trials should take place before a commission composed of brethren who are not members of the lodge interested, was not passed.

The salaries of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were increased from \$400 and \$1,200 to \$600 and 1,800.

In his review of Alabama, the Grand Secretary says:—

"From my standpoint I cannot help thinking that BRO. PILLANS made a mistake in his special Report on Correspondence to the Grand Lodge. It gives entirely too much prominence to a spurious and irregular concern, styling itself the Grand Lodge of Ontario, A.F. and A.M.

"The history of this pretended organization is too well known to the readers of the Proceedings of the several Grand Lodges for the last ten years or so. Not a Grand Lodge has recognized them in any sense of the word; all have slighted them in a way and manner not to be misunderstood. I have never and do not now intend to insult the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada by giving countenance to any such concern. I have no earthly use for pretenders and innovators or dissenters from the original plan of freemasonry. We should not by word or deed encourage such chaps in their work of destroying our Institution. Leave them alone in their glory."

Canada for 1888 receives full and kindly notice.

1890.

34th Communication, Salina, Feb. 19th, 1890.

M. W. Bro. George C. Kenyon, G.M.

He authorized 13 new lodges. We quote one of his decisions, which was approved by Grand Lodge:—

"A subscription, by a Mason, of stock, or to a fund for the erection of a building for Masonic purposes, is a civil contract, which can be enforced only by the laws of the land; and any refusal or neglect to pay such subscription does not subject the subscriber to the disciplinary jurisdiction of any lodge or association of Masons."

Their system of disseminating the work, through custodians and lecturers, does not give satisfaction, and it was ordered to be dispensed with. There were 35 schools, held at a cost of \$1,626.64.

In his review of Canada for 1889, the Grand Secretary says:—

"We think each Grand Lodge is morally bound to provide the means for the Masonic training of those brethren who owe it allegiance, by and through its private lodges, and see that the work assigned annually is accomplished. Money could not be better expended than by employing, at a fair salary, a corps of competent lecturers, directly amenable to their Grand Lodge, to impart the necessary instruction in lodges. They should be required to visit each lodge in a given district at least once a year, and remain long enough to give, in outline, the history of Masonry as set forth by accurate writers and fully explain the symbolism of each degree, followed by instruction in the private work. That every lodge might be reached, the districts should be limited in area, so as to include only so many lodges as an active lecturer could visit. Mere skill in ritualism will soon cease to attract, and when that is all, or nearly all, a general attendance will rarely occur. To secure the attendance of members, themes for thought must be presented and time and opportunity afforded for their discussion. Intelligent brethren should be encouraged to lecture upon subjects of Masonic importance before their own or neighboring lodges, and thus a spirit be awakened and evoked which would arouse others to prepare for and engage in such duty. The field is wide, the cause worthy, and the demand for instruction growing more imperative. Will Grand Lodges heed the call and with laudable appreciation provide for answering it by such legislation as will inspire their constituents and give them new encouragement to actively and steadily re-engage in work on the temple?"

On the liquor question, Bro. Brown has the following:—

"You may laud the Masons who run such hovels or palaces—for both may be found. You may go further, and make Masons of such moral pests, but we propose to do our best, humble though it may be, to denounce all who are engaged in any calling which tends to demoralize and degrade any member of the human family.

"In vain will saloon keepers and their ilk knock at the doors of our lodges, and the experience of the last nineteen years is proof that the Grand Lodge of Kansas has done its duty. Before temperance organizations were of any importance, our Grand Lodge took its stand, and with the hardihood of moral conviction, it has pursued a straightforward career, and its lodges and membership have in consequence increased with great rapidity. We know nothing of temperance organizations, but we know our own position, and despite carping or criticism, shall maintain it even unto the end." \* \* \*

"Well, Bro. BARKLEY, the fraternity of Kansas are, and have been for some years, living under anti-saloon laws, and instead of any recoil or retrogression, we have increased in lodges and membership in far greater ratio than before their adoption. Liquor dealers cannot enter our lodges, and should a member of one undertake the cursed and cursing business, he would be expelled as soon as the law governing such a case could be duly applied. Drunkards are unknown in our lodges, and even the so-called hard-drinkers are rare in any location, not finding congenial companions they deem it thus rid the order of their presence."

M.W. Bro. John C. Postlethwaithe (Jewell City), G.M.

R.W. Bro. John H. Brown (Kansas City), G.S.

#### KENTUCKY.

90th Communication, Louisville, Oct. 22nd, 1889.

M.W. Bro. James D. Black, G.M.

A Past Master from another jurisdiction has no rights in this Grand Lodge, and a decision of the Grand Master to the opposite effect was reversed.

Their masonic home has been in successful operation for nearly 20 years, and the committee in their report say:—

"In conclusion, brethren, your committee, on reviewing the past history and con-

templating the present condition and future possibilities of our beloved Home, find abundant cause for joy and rejoicing. Originating many years ago as an *indefinite* but fondly cherished *purpose* only in the hearts of a few generous and devoted Masons in this city, we find that the *leaven* of their benevolence and philanthropy, has now not only pervaded the entire Craft in our own State, but also diffused its quickening energy and potent influence throughout our *Universal Brotherhood*. The fact is not to be disguised that, through the magnetic agency of our *Masonic Home*, our Kentucky Freemasonry has been elevated to a higher, purer and nobler plane of development and usefulness. It stands forth to-day in *alto relievo* the only *tangible practical exemplification of the great tenets of our profession* to be found in our midst, and we hesitate not to declare our conviction that were this *quasi modern* landmark, which is now brightly gleaming as a light-house on the trackless ocean, to be obliterated from our 'trestle-board' of Masonic 'designs,' all its boasted *ancient landmarks* would forever cease to interest the Craft in Kentucky, and all her ritualistic splendor become only as 'sounding brass and tinkling cymbal.' In a word, our beloved Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home has raised the stricken body of Kentucky Freemasonry from the *dead level* of a mere gorgeous and lifeless *ritualism* to the sublime degree of a *living God-like charity*, and as a *revitalized organism* is to-day announcing the fact in 'the listening ear' of the general public—not in whispered accents and *at low breath*—but in thunder tones and with increasing emphasis that *relief, RELIEF, RELIEF* is our Kentucky substitute for the long lost mystic word!

"Such, brethren, is the grand mission of our *Pioneer* Masonic Home, and in view of its past achievement in our own State we could desire no higher boon for other Grand Jurisdictions than such a *Grand State Lecturer* as this to illustrate and exemplify the *true work* of Masonry, ever teaching the Craft that when the *power* of Masonry is felt, mankind should feel its *MERCY* too."

Bro. James W. Staton reports on correspondence. Our proceedings for 1888 and 1889 are accorded most kindly mention. Bro. Staton does not see any harm in public installations. With us, such a thing would be entirely out of the question. Part of the secret work occurs in our installation ceremonies, and of course we could not give that in public. Apart from this question we think that true masonry should be modest and not given to self glorification, nor should we make a parade of our masonic communion for the purpose of attracting the profane. We think that masons should only appear in public on strictly masonic occasions, and the only really masonic occasions that we know of are, first, the burial of a deceased brother, and second, the laying of the corner-stone of some public or masonic building. All others are simply for the sake of display. We are not a proselytizing institution, and we are forbidden by our laws from soliciting candidates to join our fraternity. Displays are made by other societies for the avowed purpose of attracting the outsiders and inducing them to join. Masons should be above that sort of thing.

We copy Bro. Staton's remarks on the saloon question and the Past Master's degree:—

"The offensiveness with which saloon-keepers, who are members of the Fraternity, have conducted themselves in this State, in dealing out 'death and damnation' to his brother Mason, taking from him that which his family should have had, and degrading the Fraternity in so doing, has compelled some action to be taken to put a stop to such nefarious business. Bro. Schultz can say what he likes, but the eyes of the moral world are upon us, and we cannot afford to allow saloon-keeping—or, in other words, drunkard-making and drunkenness—to be tolerated. It may be said that we have nothing to do with the opinions of the outside world; to which we answer, that there is no greater mistake than this, because it is from the outside world—at least the moral portion of it—from which we hope to receive accessions. Will Bro. Schultz say, that a man engaged in selling that which destroys the brain and impoverishes his fellow creature is such a moral man as is fit for the honors of Masonry?"

"We have had something to say on the so-called Past Master's Degree in other reports. We see no beauty or utility in it, and we do not wish to see anything tied on to the Craft in which something good cannot be found. Where or when or who was the originator of this wonderful conception of Masonic wisdom we have been unable to find out, but we are sure of one thing, that the conception was a very weak affair. The action proposed by the 'progressionists' is only to make the taking of the 'Wislomie' degree *optional* and not compulsory. Those who think the wisdom to be obtained by the taking will not be deprived of that great pleasure by the proposed action—not in the least—but then those who are supposed to possess all this concentration of Solom-

onic wisdom may have something to say as to whether they shall be compelled to part with any portion thereof."

M.W. Bro. William W. Clarke (Hopkinsville), G.M.  
R.W. Bro. H. B. Grant (Louisville), G.S.

### LOUISIANA.

This Grand Lodge held a special session on April 30th, 1889, to celebrate the centennial anniversary of Washington's inauguration as president. It was one of the most brilliant assemblies of the craft ever held in New Orleans. Addresses were delivered in English, German, Spanish, French and Italian.

78th Communication, Feb. 10th, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Charles F. Buck, G.M.

The Grand Master notes a revival of interest in masonic work, and a higher appreciation of its influence for good. He thinks that in small towns joint occupancy might be permitted, as very frequently the masonic lodges and the other bodies are composed of about the same persons. On this subject the following report of the jurisprudence committee was adopted:—

"Your committee have very carefully considered the remarks of the Grand Master relative to 'joint occupancy,' and they have strongly influenced us in believing that the law as it now stands, and as it has been heretofore administered, is the very best practical solution of the difficulties of the subject. We think that it cannot be too often reiterated that the policy of the Order is to prevent joint occupancy, but realizing the straightened conditions of some few of our subordinates we recognize the necessity of some exceptions being made to the rule, and the discretion to be exercised cannot possibly be confided otherwise than to the wisdom of the Grand Master."

Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows thus discourses on the prerogatives of Grand Masters:—

"We fail to see that because in England, in 1717, the King had power of dispensation with other 'kingly' powers, 'defined in no constitution or statute, but with powers inherent in his office,' therefore 'this model was followed in the Masonic system.' Our reading of the history of the English constitution (and of our own constitutions) shows to us that while kings *claimed* this inherent power it was not recognized, and has in England, as well as in the United States, ceased to exist. There is no knightly prerogative in free governments; and we might as well say that Freemasonry is not free as to say that because King James I. and his successor, Charles I. asserted their claims to knightly prerogatives and powers, the attempt to enforce which cost the latter his life, that therefore the claims of some Grand Masters are of the same extent as the claims of those kings, but claims that were never admitted, though by reason of force submitted to. Freemasonry was the foundation upon which all free institutions rest, or at least have conformed as far as might be to the spirit of freedom which was and is ever asserting itself."

M.W. Bro. Charles F. Buck (New Orleans), G.M.  
R.W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor (New Orleans), G.S.

### MAINE.

70th Communication, Portland, May 7th, 1889.

M.W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper, G.M.

Bro. Oliver Gerrish, P.G.J.W., died in December, 1888, aged over 92 years. He had been a mason 69 years, and had filled many Grand Lodge offices with honor and credit.

On our District Deputies and "Gold Jewels," Bro. Drummond remarks:—

"The District Deputies generally performed their duties with zeal and fidelity. Their reports take up seventy-nine pages of the Proceedings. An examination of them shows that the labors of these officers have much to do in producing the prevailing prosperity. Some of the reports go into details, and few of them contain promiscuous or unmean-

ing compliments; they seem to aim to give a faithful account of the condition of the lodges and of the manner in which the work is done. One of them says that he travelled some 2,300 miles in making his visitations, and yet visited two or more lodges on each trip.

"One lodge petitioned for the privilege of wearing gold jewels, but, while the privilege had been granted in a somewhat similar case, the Grand Lodge denied the request, for the good reason that 'making differences in the position of lodges does not conduce to the general benefit of Masonry, or to the well-being of lodges in the neighborhood of the lodge to which the special privileges are granted.' *White* is the color of the jewels of a lodge, and *yellow* that of those of the Grand Lodge; and we have been surprised that Grand Lodges have allowed the use of *gold* Past Master's jewels; the practice undoubtedly originated through want of knowledge."

We make the following valuable historical quotation, and also again make use of Bro. Drummond's labors in the statistical line:—

"In 1789, a convention met to form the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Up to that time the universal plan of masonic government had been that the Grand Lodge was the supreme authority, and lodges derived all their powers by grant from the Grand Lodge. But just at that time, the draft of the constitution of the United States had been submitted to the people of the country, and the convention, undoubtedly assuming that a good *civil* constitution must be a good *masonic* constitution, took this draft for their model. In so doing, the old plan of masonic government was reversed; and the Grand Lodge was practically made to receive its powers from the lodges, and to have only such powers as were granted to it. As amendments to the Constitution of the United States could only be made by the concurrent action of the Congress and two-thirds of the states, the convention provided that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge should be amended only by the concurrent action of itself and two-thirds of the lodges. This novel method that Grand Lodge transmitted to its daughter, the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, formed in 1813, which gave it to the Grand Lodge of Missouri in 1821, and she, in her turn, to the Grand Lodge of Iowa in 1844. It originated with the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and was transmitted by that Grand Lodge to its descendants; and with the exception of a few imitators, these were the only Grand Lodges which adopted that system. They were not in fact Sovereign Grand Lodges."

M.W. Bro. Albion E. Chase (Portland), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Ira Berry (Portland), G.S.

#### MARYLAND.

Semi-annual, May 14th, 1889.

The Grand Master made the following decisions:—

"I decided that a Masonic Diploma was not a sufficient avouchment for one to enter a lodge in this jurisdiction; that no one could be admitted in a lodge in our jurisdiction who could not pass a satisfactory examination, or who was not properly avouched for. I decided that 'lawful information' was positive information, such as having sat in lodge with a brother, or having heard him pass a satisfactory examination. I decided that when a report is presented to the Secretary of a lodge by a committee, that it becomes the property of the lodge, and cannot be withdrawn."

There has been no abatement of interest in the Lodge of Instruction, the average attendance being about 40.

Bro. E. T. Schultz reports on correspondence and notices Canada for 1888.

M.W. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock (Baltimore), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Jacob H. Medairy (Baltimore), G.S.

#### MASSACHUSETTS.

Quarterly Communication, Boston, Dec. 11th, 1889.

M.W. Bro. Henry Endicott, G.M.

During the last 14 years only 14 dispensations have been granted for new lodges. Four of these were by Grand Master Endicott. They have four lodges in South America, two in Valparaiso, one in Santiago and one in Concepcion, and there is also a lodge at Shanghai in China.

The sum of \$10,000 was appropriated out of the surplus receipts of the past year to "The Masonic Education and Charity Trust."

At the banquet which followed on St. John's day, the addresses were more than usually eloquent. We make one extract from the remarks of Rev. Bro. William R. Alger:—

"One of the most striking characteristics of our Institution is its system of mystical instruction. There is nothing in Masonry, from cable-tow to taper, which has not a practical moral. The Institution is vocal all through with allegorical narratives setting forth noble examples; pictured all over with impressive symbols exhorting to wisdom, to virtue and to piety. Its regalia and forms are not the puerile display or empty ceremonies which they might seem to an ignorant spectator. Each particular is alive with meaning and use. Every point in the Masonic Lodge, every act in its ritual, is loaded with a moral which ought to be carefully pondered and practised. By our symbolism every Mason should be led to feel something of the poetic beauty and religious solemnity of the duties of daily life."

M.W. Bro. Samuel Wells (Boston), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson (Boston), G.S.

### MICHIGAN.

46th Communication, Lansing, Jan. 28th, 1890.

M.W. Bro. W. Irving Babcock, G.M.

He attended several schools of instruction and was more than gratified at the proficiency attained in the work. Only one of his seventy-seven decisions was disapproved. This was to the effect that if a Master is a witness upon a Masonic trial he should call another to preside at the trial. The Committee on Jurisprudence believe that any brother who was good enough to be elected as Master would be fair enough to see that the accused had a fair trial, even though he might be called on to give evidence against him.

The sum of \$3,000 was donated to the Masonic Home at Grand Rapids, but the doctrine was re-affirmed that it was not competent to assess Masons or lodges for charitable purposes.

The space usually occupied by the report on correspondence is taken up by the Constitution and By-Laws and the digest of decisions revised to date.

M.W. Bro. John S. Cross (Bangor), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Wm. P. Innes (Grand Rapids), G.S.

### MINNESOTA.

37th Communication, St. Paul, Jan. 15th, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Jacob A. Kiester, G.M.

He recounts in feeling terms the many virtues of their deceased Grand Secretary, A. T. C. Pierson, who was an active and distinguished member of all the Masonic bodies, and who was widely known and deservedly esteemed as a Craftsman of great ability.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

"I. No Mason within this jurisdiction or of its obedience shall join or be initiated in, or in any manner, or to any extent, affiliate, associate or connect himself with or take upon himself any obligation of the so-called Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of the United States of America, by whatever name it may be known, or of any man or body of men of its obedience or acting or claiming to act under or by virtue of its authority, or of any Cerneau Council or body.

"II. No Mason within this jurisdiction or of its obedience shall be present at the conferring, or shall confer or assist in conferring any degree or obligation or any of the rights or privileges of the so-called Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of the United States of America, by whatever name it may be known, or of any man or body of men of its obedience, or acting or claiming to act under or by virtue of its authority, or of any Cerneau Council or body.

"III. Any Mason who disobeys the above, or who violates any of the foregoing provisions, shall be deemed guilty of unmasonic conduct, and shall upon conviction thereof be punished therefor by expulsion from Masonry."

Amendments to include the "Mystic Shrine" and "Eastern Star" as legitimate Masonry were rightly rejected.

M.W. Bro. Jacob A. Kiester, (Blue Earth City,) G.M.

R.W. Bro. Thos. Montgomery, St. Paul,) G.S.

#### MISSOURI.

69th Communication, St. Louis, Oct. 15th, 1889.

M. W. Bro. James P. Wood, G.M.

They have had a year of unusual activity in Masonic circles. Six State lodges of instruction were held and were well attended. Their new Masonic home has been formally set to work and started on its sacred mission of charity and benevolence.

A large amount of local business was transacted.

The Grand Secretary has excelled his former record of three days. The volume before us contains over 400 pages, and it was brought from the press in two days after the session. The Grand Lodge closed on the afternoon of the 17th and on the 19th the work was received and part of it mailed.

On the landmarks and the right to visit, Bro. Vincil says:—

"Touching the 'Ancient' Landmark business, it is Dr. Parvin *versus* Dr. Mackey. The latter piled up 'Landmarks' while alive, until but few more could be added. The former has pulled them down until the pile has sensibly diminished. This writer has grown skeptical as to what are 'Landmarks.' Brother Parvin gives us doubters a rule, which, if correct, will cause us to thin out the list very much. Some of the modern Landmarks will disappear from the lengthened catalogue like mists before the sun. But the question may arise in the minds of some, is the rule of Brother Parvin any authority? Here it is: 'A Landmark, to be a Landmark, *must command the universal respect and observance of all Ma-sons.*' The italics are his. Dr. Mackey made Landmarks himself, so says Brother Parvin. One was concerning the 'right of visit.' Mackey said respecting this right: 'I have not hesitated to rank it among the Landmarks of the Order.' If a Mason has the absolute 'right of visit,' according to Mackey, the right of objection to one visiting my lodge, who is most objectionable, is done away. For one, I cannot, 'respect or observe' the so-called Landmark that will thrust anyone into my lodge contrary to my wishes. I know others who hold the same views. Then this Landmark of Mackey cannot and does not meet with 'the universal respect and observance of all Masons.' Therefore it follows that it is not a Landmark, or the rule of Dr. Parvin is not good. I hold to the view of Brother Parvin as to the 'right of visit,' and say that no objectionable member of another lodge can come into mine, as a visitor, solely on the ground of an absurd statement of a Landmark maker. My family is my own, and no one can come there whom I would not recognize and welcome. So of my lodge."

M.W. Bro. Theodore Brace (Jefferson City), G.M.

R.W. Bro. John D. Vincil (St. Louis), G.S.

#### MONTANA.

25th Communication, Great Falls, Oct. 30th, 1889.

M. W. Bro. Arthur C. Logan, G.M.

He visited many lodges and found the attendance good and their condition satisfactory. He was prevented by sickness from visiting all the lodges, but was consoled by knowing that every lodge in the territory had been visited by the Grand Lecturer.

The minimum fee for the degrees was fixed at fifty dollars.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

"Resolved, That in the opinion of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Montana, the printing and publication in 'cipher or mnemonics' of any portion of the ritual of the degrees of masonry not purely monitorial, or the use of such work by any mason in this Gr. jurisdiction is a departure from masonic propriety and a violation of masonic obligation, and receives the unqualified condemnation of the Gr. Lodge."

"Resolved, That the Past Master's Degree, as now conferred by usage in this jurisdiction, upon Worshipful Masters elect, is a useless formula, conferring nothing essential or distinctive in Masonry, and shall no longer be considered as obligatory."

M.W. Bro. John Anderson (Missoula), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Cornelius Hedges (Helena), G.S.

## NEBRASKA.

32nd Communication, Omaha, June 19th, 1889.

M.W. Bro. George B. France, G.M.

In the report of the Grand Custodian, we find the following :—

“ Most lodge rooms are of fair size and comfortably furnished, and as a rule are safe for all the purposes of Ancient Craft Masonry. To this I find a few notable exceptions, and I have urged upon brethren, whose lodge rooms were not all that was desirable, the necessity of their obtaining better and safer quarters.

“ It is with great satisfaction I report to you that Masonry is making a steady and mostly a healthy progress throughout the state, and that the order is increasing, not only in numbers, but in the Masonic worth of the different lodges. The several lodges are mostly adding to their numbers as rapidly as is consistent with prudence ; the character of aspirants for Masonry is generally well scrutinized, and I believe that none are knowingly admitted into our ranks who are not moral and upright in their conduct and qualified to confer as well as receive benefit from their connection with our institution.”

The Grand Lodge declined to discuss Scottish Rite quarrels.

Their new home is not to be commenced until the subscriptions reach \$50,000, and then only the excess above that amount is to be used in building.

M.W. Bro. John J. Mercer (Omaha), G.M.

R.W. Bro. William R. Bowen (Omaha), G.S.

## NEVADA.

25th Communication, Virginia, June 11th, 1889.

M.W. Bro. William McMillan, G.M.

The returns show a decrease in membership, one lodge with 23 members having surrendered its charter. Two of their residents were made Masons in Scotland, and the Grand Master issued an edict forbidding the lodges from holding Masonic intercourse with them. R.W. Bro. R. L. Patterson was commissioned as their representative near Canada. The following report was adopted :—

“ The term of Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge shall expire after three years from the date of their commission. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to notify other Grand Lodges whenever their Representatives cease to reside within this jurisdiction, and also whenever any Grand Representative shall fail to be present at two successive communications of this Grand Lodge.”

Bro. R. L. Fulton is the author of the report on correspondence, and he gives our proceedings of 1888 a good notice.

M.W. Bro. C. W. Hinchcliffe (Austin), G.M.

R.W. Bro. C. N. Noteware (Carson), G.S.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

22nd Communication, St. John, April 23rd, 1889.

M.W. Bro. James McNichol, G.M.

There is a gratifying increase in membership. The Grand Master thinks that the suspensions might be materially reduced if the secretaries of lodges would be more prompt in collections. He was not called upon to give any official decisions. We are glad to learn that P. G. M. Bunting is about publishing a history of Freemasonry in New Brunswick.

M.W. Bro. Thomas Walker (St. John), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore (St. John), G.S.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

100th Communication, Concord, May 15th, 1889.

M.W. Bro. George W. Currier, G.M.

The proceedings are entirely local.

From the report of Bro. A. S. Wait, we take the following notice of the Grand Lodge of Scotland :—

"We are in receipt of the published minutes of a quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held at Edinburgh on the 2d of February, 1888, and of several meetings of the Grand Committee during the same year. The chief business of interest seems to have been the organization of the Extended Scheme of Scottish Masonic Benevolence, the details of which are given, and it appears to be of a character to become among the most efficient of the present schemes of masonic charity.

"At a meeting held April 25, the minutes state:

"It was agreed to establish fraternal relations with the Grand Lodges of Illinois and Connecticut.

"The following from the minutes of the same meeting we judge will be of interest :

"Grand Secretary reported that, as authorized by Grand Committee, he had lent to the International Exhibition at Glasgow, for the Archaeological and Historical Section, the following articles, viz : The St. Clair charter, 1600 and 1628 ; the Minute-book of the Roman Lodge of Freemasons existing at Rome in 173-37, of which the Earl of Winton was "Grand Master" at the date of its suppression by Pope Clement the Twelfth ; the Minute-book of the St. Andrew Lodge, Dumfries, of which BURNS was an office-bearer, bearing the Poet's signature to bye-laws, and containing the minute of his affiliation in December, 1788 ; also the Master's Mallet and Apron used in the Lodge in BURNS' time.

"It would appear from the following, that conviction of crime in the civil courts is, with our brethren of Scotland, alone sufficient ground of expulsion from masonry :

"It was reported by the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, that CHARLES THOMAS HARRIS, Lodge ROBERT BURNS, No. 624, had been expelled in respect of his conviction of felony.

"On report of the Cosmopolitan, Shanghai, No. 428, it was resolved that BRODIE A. CLARKE of that Lodge be expelled from the Craft in respect of his having been convicted of criminal assault."

"Colonel Sir ARCHIBALD C. CAMPBELL, Baronet, is M.W. Grand Master ; Brother D. MURRAY LYON is Grand Secretary."

1890.

101st Communication, Concord, May 21, 1890.

Grand Master Currier had great pleasure in granting numerous dispensations to instal officers in public. This is an innovation which should not be countenanced. He visited a number of the lodges and was well satisfied with the work, and gives great credit to their custom of having exemplification in full at their semi-annual communications, and the faithful efforts of the Grand Lecturers.

The committee to prepare a uniform code of by-laws were discharged at their own request, as they deemed such action inexpedient.

The following was adopted :—

"Resolved, That masonic Lodges shall not rent their rooms to, nor allow them to be occupied or be used, by anybody that is not recognized as legitimate by the regularly constituted masonic bodies in New Hampshire."

Bro. Wait thus defends his curious idea of the effect of an edict of non-intercourse :—

"It seems to be the idea of these two eminent brethren that an edict of non-intercourse by one Grand Lodge against another, works a kind of corruption of masonic blood, with respect to each other, of the whole membership of the two jurisdictions, and that it is in the power of a Grand Lodge, at its own arbitrary will, thus to strike down the masonic status of every individual mason of the two jurisdictions.

"Until we receive further light we shall not cease our opposition to such a view of the powers of Grand Lodges. Carried to its logical results, the absurdity of the doctrine is so apparent as to forbid its reception. On some conceived affront from a sister grand body, a Grand Lodge issues its edict in which it not only discontinues masonic intercourse with the former, but forbids all masonic recognition or intercourse between the individual members of the two jurisdictions. A brother of the interdicting jurisdiction sojourning within a third, there enters a lodge as a visitor, and there finds seated in the same capacity a brother of the first supposed jurisdiction. He must throw off his apron and instantly leave the Lodge as having within it a brother whom he is forbidden to associate with or recognize. If the doctrine attempted to be upheld has any soundness in it, this must be the result, for to remain would be in the fullest manner to recognize and associate masonically with the supposed brother. The controversy is thus liable to extend its effects and its influence to every other grand jurisdiction and to the whole membership of the craft.

"Although this ought to be conclusive against such a doctrine, we do not confine our objection to it to this view. The ground of objection is far wider and more fundamental. Every mason, having received the degrees regularly, and having in no way forfeited his masonic rights, is a member of the institution, and entitled to its privileges. It is his right to be recognized and fellowshiped, and it is the masonic duty of the brethren to recognize and fellowship him, the world over. He is a mason, not of this, or that, Grand Lodge jurisdiction, but a mason of the institution; and the brother or Lodge, Grand or Subordinate, who denies him these privileges, commits an infraction of the first principles of the institution. If anything is fundamental in masonry, this is so. Recognizing or denying recognition to a Grand Lodge has nothing necessarily to do with the status of the individual membership of its jurisdiction. There were masons and there were Lodges, before Grand Lodges had existence, and were every Grand Lodge to-day to be stricken from existence it would not in the least impair the existence of the particular Lodges or the status, as such, of individual masons. Grand Lodges exist because, and only because, the craft have seen it convenient to bring them into existence, and should they hereafter, because of their own despotic and unreasonable action, or because of such progress as renders them inappropriate or inconvenient, the craft have the right to abolish them.

The power is doubtless conferred upon Grand Lodges to prescribe rules for the organic working of the institution within their respective jurisdictions, and no mason will more persistently defend the exercise of these powers than will this writer. But to maintain these powers is by no means the end or object of their existence. That object legitimately is, and is only, to govern the affairs and preserve the existence and landmarks of masonry. It does not extend, as these edicts have attempted to do, to the depriving of masons of their rights and privileges without trial, and while conceded to be without fault. It does not follow that because Grand Lodges are the legitimate governing bodies of the craft, non-intercourse with one of those bodies involves non-recognition of brethren hailing from its jurisdiction. The right to recognition as a mason can only be lost by conviction of masonic crime upon due trial.

"Regarding these views as fundamental and vital in masonry, necessary to its very existence as it came down to us, although we may stand alone, we shall defend them with our strength, in full faith that they will be accepted by the ultimate judgment of the fraternity."

Bro. Wait is great on argumentations, and we can agree with a good deal of what he says, but he does not seem to appreciate the absurdity of his position, and he altogether loses sight of the representative character of Grand Lodges. Grand Lodges are simply the private lodges in convention, and when he calls a Grand Lodge arbitrary and despotic and unreasonable, he forgets that he is thus stigmatizing the whole membership of that jurisdiction. Non-intercourse between Grand Bodies must mean the cessation of Masonic communication with the individuals composing these Bodies; but according to Bro. Wait, he could sit in lodge with all the Masons of the interdicted state, except the Grand Officers, the Past Masters, the Masters and the Wardens of all the lodges. Or perhaps he means that he would not visit that Grand Lodge, nor read its proceedings nor review them in his report. Then truly would "the punishment fit the crime." Then how about France. We presume that New Hampshire, in common with all the other American, and British Grand Lodges, has declared non-intercourse with the Grand Orient of France. We would like to know if Bro. Wait would admit to his lodge a Mason hailing from that jurisdiction. If not, then he must revise his definition of non-intercourse.

M. W. Bro. Frank D. Woodbury (Concord), G. M.

R. W. Bro. George P. Cleaves (Concord), G. S.

#### NEW JERSEY.

103rd Communication, Trenton, Jan'y 29th, 1890.

M. W. Bro. Charles H. Mann, G. M.

On the state of the Craft, he says:—

"The reports received from my Right Worshipful Associate and Subordinate Grand Officers show evidence of earnest and untiring devotion, upon their part, during the year. Almost every lodge has received one or more official visitations; and their prosperity has, with only an exception here and there, been gratifying. While the Ritual, as prescribed by the Grand Lodge, has been most closely studied, and great care has

been taken to have every part of the work correct, yet the more important part of Masonry—that of the study of the meaning of its symbolism—has not been lost sight of. I believe that, in this particular, the Craft are gaining in knowledge, and that the lessons inculcated by our beautiful ceremonies are being better understood and appreciated; also, that there is a growing desire, on the part of the Brethren, to carry out the requirements of 'Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love.'

"The work done among the lodges by the District Deputy Grand Masters has been highly acceptable, not only to myself, but to the Craft; and, although here and there the immediate result may be discouraging, and some of these faithful officers may think that their instruction and advice have not been productive of much good, yet we know that the seed has been sown and in time will bear rich fruitage."

A large part of the Proceedings is taken up in recapitulating all the facts of the dispute with New York regarding the initiation by a lodge in New York, of one Lemm, who is claimed to be a resident in New Jersey. The facts on either side are strongly disputed on the other, but a peaceful solution of the difficulty will no doubt be found soon.

In the report of Bro. Henry Vehslage, we find a good notice of our Proceedings of 1889.

M.W. Bro. Charles H. Mann (Haddonfield), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Joseph H. Hough (Trenton), G.S.

#### NEW MEXICO.

12th Communication, Las Cruces, Jan'y 27th, 1890.

M.W. Bro. A. H. Morehead, G.M.

At no time has the Craft been in a more prosperous and healthy condition.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, By the M.W. Grand Lodge of New Mexico, that personal electioneering on his own behalf by any brother in any way for office in this Grand Lodge, is positively prohibited, and any member guilty of the offence shall be ineligible to office, and if an officer, forfeit the office held by him, and the same rule shall apply to subordinate lodges.

Bro. Max. Frost again reports on correspondence, and notices Canada for 1889.

M.W. Bro. F. H. Kent (Albuquerque), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Alpheus A. Keen (East Las Vegas), G.S.

#### NEW YORK.

108th Communication, New York, June 4th, 1889.

M.W. Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, G.M.

Under the able leadership of Grand Master Lawrence, and principally through his untiring and most zealous and efficient exertions, the enormous debt on their Masonic Temple has been entirely paid off in less than four years. The amount contributed by lodges and brethren and received from interest, etc., was \$371,568.57. A general jubilee was held by all the lodges separately on the same day, and a medal was struck to commemorate the event of their emancipation. On this celebration, the Grand Master says:—

Compliance with the request for the observance was well nigh universal. In every portion of our jurisdiction the Craft assembled upon the 24th day of April to celebrate with joyful hearts our relief from the long-standing and oppressive burden.

"At every meeting held, the proceedings were opened with prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God, an address issued by the Grand Master to the Craft was read, and the noble anthem heard always at our annual meetings was sung.

"Thus far the proceedings were uniform throughout the State. Further than this they varied according to the inclination of the brethren, consisting usually of literary and musical exercises, the former including a great number of addresses by brethren distinguished in the Craft or in the outer world, and which were eloquent, instructive, and appropriate. It is to be hoped that many of these may be given permanent form in such manner as the Grand Lodge may determine.

"In this building the brethren thronged the various lodge rooms, and an additional meeting, presided over by the Grand Master, was held in this Hall. At the German Masonic Temple, the Cooper Union, the Grand Opera House, Scottish Rite Hall, and many other places in the city of New York, there were like meetings. In Brooklyn there were several great assemblages of the Craft, while similar gatherings took place in all the principal cities of the State; and in every village and place throughout its borders the brethren assembled, often with their families and friends, actuated by the universal spirit of rejoicing.

"At the meeting held in this Hall messages were received from brethren in various States, and even from across the ocean. As our recent work has progressed it has been watched with interest by the Craft in other States and countries, whose words of encouragement and good cheer from time to time have been generous, as in the hour of final triumph their plaudits and congratulations were welcome.

"Surely the fire upon our altars never burned so brightly, surely the bond between brother and brother was never so close as upon that night; and as the mind contemplates the assembling of so many scores of thousands, hundreds of miles asunder, yet swayed by the same idea, and at the same moment of time, singing the simple, single psalm of praise,

'Be Thou, O God, exalted high,  
And as Thy glory fills the sky,  
So shall it be on earth displayed  
Till Thou art here as there obeyed.'

—the celebration of the 24th of April becomes Grand and majestic, in a degree never surpassed in the history of the Craft."

We have also received the "Jubilee Volume," containing details of the various lodge celebrations. Many of the addresses are well worthy of perusal.

1890.

109th Communication, New York, June 3rd, 1890.

John W. Vrooman, G. M.

In his opening remarks, he says;—

"We assemble to-day, an unbroken band of lodges, with each annual return complete and on file with the Grand Secretary, with harmony as nearly perfect as may be accorded to any institution on earth, within a Hall magnificent in design and purpose, with a site for the Asylum beautiful in location and approved by the Craft, and with a bank account amply sufficient to complete and furnish the main building of that Asylum. This wonderful growth is not the result of accident or the freak of fortune. It is the legitimate fruit of faithful devotion to the eternal principles upon which Freemasonry is founded.

"Our proud possessions are free from any incumbrance. May our beloved Fraternity to the end of time, obey the Scriptural injunction, 'Owe no man anything.'"

He visited each one of the thirty Masonic Districts in the State :—

"The meetings were largely attended, and were alive with true fraternal spirit. The deepest interest was manifested. At each assemblage of the brethren I delivered an informal address, conveying sentiments from the heart, to touch the heart. Practical words were spoken upon the practical duties of the Craft. Masonic advancement in usefulness, as well as in growth, was urged. Duty to God and man, belief in the Holy Bible, and practice of the cardinal virtues of our profession, were also urged.

"Although my efforts were weak in ability, they were strong in purpose to aid the brethren in the cultivation of social and fraternal intercourse, in the elevation of the moral and religious tone of our beloved Craft. The future will develop the benefits of this new departure, but even now the experiment warrants a recommendation of the continuance of District Visitations by the Grand Master in person, or by such representative as he may designate."

All the 720 lodges have made their annual returns, complete in all respects, and one lodge of 358 members reports that every member has paid all dues to date.

With regard to the Grand Orient of France, Bro. Vrooman has the following remarks :—

"On the 13th day of February, an official communication was presented to me from the Grand Orient of France, with a request that the same be delivered to the Grand Lodge of New York. A number of alleged Masonic documents, claiming to be the Constitution, Statutes, and Ritual of the Grand Orient, accompanied this communication. In return for these documents that body requested the favor of copies of our Constitution, Statutes and Ritual, to enlighten itself on the work of the Grand Lodge of New York.

"It is a matter of history that some years ago, the Grand Orient of France became false to Freemasonry, and struck from its teaching and its Ritual that landmark which requires a candidate, before initiation, to state his belief in the existence of a Supreme Being. The Grand Lodge of New York, in common with other Grand Lodges in America, thereupon severed all fraternal relations with the Grand Orient, and that interdiction still remains in force. With this information before me, and solemnly realizing that the very existence of our Fraternity in this God-fearing, God-loving land of ours depends upon jealously guarding that landmark of landmarks I respectfully declined to receive the communication and documents, and I further declined to furnish a copy of our Masonic law or Ritual to the Grand Orient as requested.

"I am a believer in the old-fashioned Masonic doctrine that teaches the 'existence of one ever-living and true God.'

"I am a believer in the old-fashioned Holy Bible of our Masonic fathers, and that it 'is given us as a rule and guide for our faith and practice.'

"Freemasonry is a reality. It is not a mockery. We assemble our lodge 'in the name of God.' We demand from each candidate an affirmative answer to the question: 'Do you believe in the existence of one ever-living and true God?' This question is not perfunctory, merely asked for the sake of complying with the requirements of the Ritual. It is the *heart* of our Institution; cut it out and the Masonic body is dead. Give it the life-blood of an honest answer, and belief will grow into living faith, into undying love.

"Freemasonry lives only so long as it is earnestly devoted in practice not theory, to the service of God and the elevation of His image and likeness—man. By this devotion which has ever been manifest through the centuries of the past, Freemasonry has reached a higher plane of usefulness than any other human society.

"Believing that I reflected the sentiments of the officers and representatives of this Grand Body in preserving that landmark, in preserving the purity of our banner, which now worthily bears the motto 'Holiness to the Lord,' I refused all suggestions of Masonic communication with the Grand Orient of France."

The new asylum and school is to be located on 160 acres of land adjoining the city of Utica, in the centre of the State. The main building is to cost \$150,000, and they already have on hand, as specially contributed for the purpose, \$185,000.

The report of the Committee on Grievances is certainly unique for so large a jurisdiction:—

"There has been no business before the committee. No memorials, petitions, or resolutions seeking the righting of any grievance have been referred to us. Certainly this is a very remarkable fact in a jurisdiction in which are more than 70,000 Masons—a speaking commentary on the influence of the principles of Freemasonry on human passions. We have, so far as the index of the annual transactions of the Grand Lodge enables us, searched the records of this Grand Lodge from 1850 to 1899, a period of forty years, and no like state of things have we found. We congratulate the Grand Lodge on this era of brotherly love which has so fully taken the place of all clamor of injustice and wrong."

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales was withheld until the Grand Lodge of Ireland has granted recognition, and they await the action of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland before recognizing the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

On the dispute with New Jersey, the following resolutions were adopted:—

"*Resolved*,—That the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey is fraternally requested to submit the questions in dispute between that and this Grand Body as to the initiation of Daniel E. Lemm by Fort Edward Lodge, to an arbitrator to be selected by the two Grand Masters, and provided that in the meantime, and pending said submission, the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of New Jersey suspend its interdiction adjudging and declaring such initiation to have been irregular, unlawful, without Masonic virtue, hence, null, void, and of no effect.

"*Resolved*,—That said Daniel E. Lemm, of Fort Edward Lodge, No. 267, be and is hereby enjoined and forbidden from visiting, or attempting to visit, any lodge of F. & A.M. within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, until he shall receive permission to do so from the Grand Master of that Grand Body, and also of this Grand Lodge."

In the review of Georgia, we find the following:—

"We do not understand why Bro. RAMSEY includes the bogus Grand Lodge of the Province of Ontario, James B. Smith, Grand Master, among the number reviewed by him. It is not recognized as a regular body by any Grand Lodge on this continent, and he might not only 'condemn the spirit of the Annual Address,' but, better yet,

ignore the body entirely. For the information of our brother we would state that the regular Grand Lodge of the Province of Ontario is the Grand Lodge of Canada, of which M.W. RICHARD T. WALKER is Grand Master."

We also quote the remarks of Bro. Jesse B. Anthony, on their Laws of Jurisdiction and the Residence of Candidates :—

"Masonic residence is fixed in the State of New York at twelve months next preceding the application, and for four months in the immediate vicinity of the lodge having jurisdiction.

"As between lodges in this State, jurisdiction can be waived, on application, over a profane who has not resided the required length of time within the *immediate* vicinity of the lodge; and the same is permissible with regard to the period fixed to require a Masonic residence—the requirement being to and from.

"Profanes on removal from or into another Grand Jurisdiction must acquire a Masonic residence, according to the law governing such jurisdiction, before application can be made, as we understand it. This requirement may be and in many jurisdictions is qualified by obtaining the consent from the lodge within whose jurisdiction the candidate had immediately preceeding had a legal residence.

"A lodge acquires no binding jurisdiction over a profane except in the event of an application being made, acted upon, and rejected.

"We do not understand that the mere acceptance of a petition gives a lodge personal jurisdiction which would prevent a candidate petitioning and being accepted in any other lodge having concurrent jurisdiction.

"No jurisdiction follows a profane after his removal from a Grand Jurisdiction."

Canada for 1889, receives kindly mention.

In Bro. Sackreuter's notice of the Grand Lodge of Hungary, we find the following :—

"BRO. GELLERI, editor of the *Orient*, and BROS. BOSÁNYI and VARADY represented the Grand Lodge of Hungary as delegates at a so-called 'General International Masonic Congress,' on the 16th and 17th of July, 1889, during the time of the great exhibition at Paris. The editor gives his opinion on this congress in a very clever report, of which the final judgment is that this so-called 'International' Congress had not the least character of an international assembly, and, in fact, was nothing more than an amalgamated convention resulting in a mutual admiration society composed of French and Swiss High Degree bodies."

"A characteristic instance of the condition and standing of Freemasonry, as compared with the Catholic hierarchy in Hungary, is reported in a Leipzig weekly periodical: The Catholic congregation at 'Bressburg' adopted a resolution expelling all members who are Freemasons, and prohibiting and excluding all Freemasons from their organizations. An appeal was taken from their decision to the Cardinal and Prince-Primas SIMOR, and this highest clerical authority in Hungary sustained the appeal and invalidated the measure."

We also quote his mention of Arabian Freemasonry :—

"BRO. CIVRIAN KUEREVOSKI describes in an Egyptian newspaper his visit to an Arabian Masonic lodge, as follows: 'The lodge has over fifty active members. The Arabian language is generally used, as also in all official and other correspondence. If the visiting Grand Master, when presiding at the lodge, is not familiar with the Arabic tongue, it is permitted to use the French language; in this case the officers are replaced by European brethren. The Temple is richly ornamented in Oriental style; the Chair in the East is a little higher and five steps guide to it. The rear of the Chair in the East is painted blue and adorned with stars; also the moon in silver and the sun in gold are seen. Over the seat of the Master is a canopy of velvet with gilt fringes. In the midst of the Temple is the Altar with the Constitution; in the west, right and left, are the seats of the Wardens, as in French lodges. The apron is white, with a green triangle. The Master and the officers wear a green sash across the breast. The password, the sign, the examination for admission, etc., is the same as in lodges of the Scotch Rite.'

M.W. Bro. John W. Vrooman (Herkimer), G.M.

R.W. Bro. E. M. L. Ehlers (New York), G.S.

## NEW ZEALAND.

A Convention of Lodge Delegates was held in Wellington on the 11th and 12th September, 1889, to take steps to establish a Grand Lodge for the colony of New Zealand. A large number of Masons were present from Lodges under the English, Scotch and Irish constitutions. There are 148 working lodges in New Zealand, and 90 have declared in favor of the movement and 24 against it.

Articles forming the basis of union were discussed at length and finally agreed upon, and the following declaration was then unanimously adopted :—

"Whereas Freemasonry was established in New Zealand in the year 1812, A.D., and has since been perpetuated and practised by numerous lodges formed from time to time under the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland respectively.

"AND WHEREAS a majority of the lodges so established have determined that it is expedient, in the best interests of Freemasonry and for the better ordering of the Craft in this Colony, that there should be full, perfect, and perpetual union, with uniformity of obligation and discipline among the members thereof, at present divided into and working under the three separate and distinct Constitutions of England, Ireland and Scotland, so that in all time to come they shall form and constitute but one Brotherhood, and be represented in one Grand Lodge.

"AND, THEREFORE, we the Delegates duly appointed in that behalf by the lodges set out after our signatures hereto, do by these presents declare and agree that the said lodges shall from and after the ninth day of November, 1889, constitute and form one Grand Lodge, under the style of "The Grand Lodge of New Zealand," and that the Masters and Wardens of the said Lodges for the time being, shall be deemed and taken to be members of such Grand Lodge, together with such Past Masters and present or past Provincial or District Grand Lodge Officers as shall be members of such Lodges, and also the signatories hereto: Provided always that such members (except the Masters and Wardens of Lodges) are duly enrolled on the Register of Members of the Grand Lodge.

"AND it is further agreed that as soon after the said ninth day of November, 1889, as may be possible, a Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held for the purpose of electing a Grand Master and making other provisions for the good government of the Order, and the constitution and regulation of the Grand Lodge."

The first communication of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was held at Christchurch, April 29, 1890, when the officers were elected and the organization perfected. Bro. E. T. Gillon, of Wellington, appears to have been the moving spirit, and having declined nomination for office, he was accorded the honorary rank of Past Deputy Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Henry Thomson, G.M.

R.W. Bro. Rev. W. Ronaldson (Dunedin), G.S.

#### NORTH CAROLINA.

103rd Communication, Raleigh, January 14, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Samuel H. Smith, G.M.

The year past was exceptionally favorable, fourteen new Lodges were formed, some dormant Lodges revived and there were large accessions to the membership. The Grand Master does not believe in making a privileged class of the non-affiliated, with advantages over honest and faithful craftsmen, and he says that they should not be allowed, after disregarding their obligations for years, to re-enter on payment of a small fee and become entitled to all the advantages with others who have kept their dues paid up all the time. On their Orphan Asylum, he says :—

"And now I come to speak of the brightest jewel in the crown of every worthy Mason in North Carolina. If we are to judge Masonry by its fruits, we have only to point to the Orphan Asylum at Oxford, to silence the captious fault-finder or ignorant critic. All honor to our worthy predecessors, who planned and inaugurated this noble charity. When we review the work which has been done and is now being done there, when we consider that hundreds of helpless orphans in this State have been rescued from degradation and vice, and fitted to occupy responsible positions in business and society, we are lost in amazement and words fail to express our gratitude to Almighty God, who has wrought such wondrous things through our instrumentality. Looking beyond and above the dingy walls of old St. John's College we see a stately edifice. It is the handiwork of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Its foundations are the love of God, its walls of faith are cemented with hope, its roof is the pure gold of divine charity. It needs no noonday sun to reveal its magnificence. The light of God's countenance illumines its every part, and its refulgence permeates the remotest corners of our State."

They have 260 orphans in the Asylum and their farm and garden yielded a very handsome revenue. The printing department, shoc-

shop and broom factory also show a profit in each industry. We infer that the institution must be under careful and efficient management. They contemplate adding a pants factory and a cotton factory.

Bro. E. S. Martin reports on correspondence, and reviews our proceedings of 1889.

M. W. Bro. Samuel H. Smith (Winston), G. M.

R. W. Bro. Donald W. Bain (Raleigh), G. S.

### NORTH DAKOTA.

The division by Congress of the territory of Dakota and the admission into the Union of the States of North Dakota and South Dakota has naturally caused the division of the Grand Lodge of Dakota. We have the proceedings of the Convention and first communication of the New Grand Lodge of North Dakota, held at Mitchell, June 12, 1889.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted and the organization properly effected with the consent and approval of the Grand Lodge of Dakota.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

"WHEREAS, The M. W. Grand Lodge of Dakota has so cordially extended to this Grand Lodge the right hand of fellowship ; therefore be it *Resolved*, That we as cordially extend to them the same courtesy by the immediate exchange of Representatives, and be it *Further Resolved*, That all Past Elective Grand Officers, as well as all Present Elective Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, be and are hereby made honorary members of this Grand Lodge."

"WHEREAS, In the division of the Grand Lodge property our brethren residing in South Dakota have beautifully exemplified the tenet of brotherly love, and exhibited a spirit of benevolence, not equalled heretofore in the history of Masonry ; and

"WHEREAS, In the presentation to this Grand Lodge of the jewels of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, our brethren have added another golden link to the indissoluble chain of sincere affection which joins the Grand Lodges of North and South Dakota ; Therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby gratefully tendered to the Grand Lodge of Dakota for the kindness, consideration and generosity which they have shown towards us in the division of the Grand Lodge property ;

"*Resolved*, That in the Grand Lodge jewels we recognize and acknowledge a lasting memorial of our past fraternal relations ; an offering of love and affection that shall forever unite and cement us to our brethren of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, our appreciation of which was best spoken in tears of gratitude and thoughts expressed in silence."

M. W. Bro. James W. Cloes (Jamestown), G. M.

R. W. Bro. David S. Dodds (Dakota), G. S.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

24th communication, Picton, June 12, 1889.

M. W. Bro. David C. Moore, G. M.

Among the deaths of the year is reported that of Benjamin Curren, D. C. L., Past Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary from 1870 to 1889, an eminent scholar, and a learned craftsman, who was loved and esteemed by all his brethren.

The Grand Master made a number of official visits. He very properly refused to allow the installation of officers of a Lodge to be made a public ceremony. A new Lodge was opened at Canso. They have 67 Lodges and 2,900 members.

In the report of correspondence by Bro. David Neish and three others, we find a good notice of our proceedings of 1888. Bro. Neish thinks that Grand Lodges should attend to their own business and leave the "side shows" alone :—

"We say, in all plainness of speech, that some of the Grand Lodges of the United States are making rods to break their own backs. What has any Grand Lodge, *as such* to do with Royal Arch Masonry, or with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite

whether bogus or genuine? In this particular, at least, we Masons of Nova Scotia act more sensibly than many of our brethren across the border. Our Grand Lodge considers that it has quite enough to do to mind its own business, without intruding itself upon our 12 Royal Arch Chapters, or our very flourishing body of the genuine Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. 'Go ye, and do likewise,' if ye are wise!"

M.W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore (Stellarton), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Hon. William Ross (Halifax), G.S.

### OHIO.

80th Communication, Cincinnati, October 22, 1889.

M. W. Bro. Leander Burdick, G.M.

This jurisdiction is still in trouble with members of the "Cerneau" Scottish Rite. Lawsuits are going on, and some of the Brethren are endeavoring to retain and use the charters of four Lodges which have been annulled by the Grand Lodge. Bro. Burdick says:—

"I am confident that it will be gratifying to the members of this Grand Lodge to know that the position taken by Ohio, relative to the organization calling itself 'The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies,' has been approved by similar action in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Colorado, Iowa, Dakota, Utah, Oregon, and District of Columbia.

"Several Grand Lodges have gone still further, and require all Master Masons under their immediate Jurisdiction, who are members of the 'Cerneau Bodies,' to renounce their allegiance to, or membership in, the interdicted Body, within a stated time, or have charges preferred against them."

Diplomatic relations with the Grand Lodge of Tennessee were severed by the refusal of the Grand Master of Tennessee to appoint as representative any Brother except one of the minority, who dissented from the action of their own Grand Lodge with reference to the Cerneau Masons. The Grand Master of Ohio very properly preserved the dignity of his office, and the Grand Lodge unanimously endorsed his action.

Four new Lodges were formed.

Bro. Burdick is opposed to the incorporation of Lodges, as the State Charter would thereby confer on the Lodge additional powers not authorized or controlled by the Grand Lodge. A resolution forbidding incorporation was passed by the Grand Lodge.

The former Grand Secretary, Bro. John D. Caldwell, was appointed *emeritus* Grand Secretary for life, and it was ordered that a suitable jewel should be presented to him in recognition of his faithful services for 36 years.

Resolutions were adopted looking to the construction of a Masonic Home as soon as \$100,000 are collected.

An intoxicated delegate was discovered and promptly removed from his office by the Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. M. Cunningham, in his notice of Canada for 1888, says we are to be commended for adhering to the "old paths." He is against all innovations and thus upholds the Past Master's degree:—

"Like many others in his opposition to the so-called 'Past Master's Degree,' in his discussion he loses sight of facts that have never been disproved in relationship thereto, viz:—

"1st. That there were certain secret ceremonies, equivalent at least to a degree, connected with the installation of the Worshipful Master into the duties of his office in 1723 and prior thereto.

"2nd. That both of the Grand Lodges in England, when two were in existence, used and recognized similar secret ceremonies in that connection.

"That the exoteric ceremonies connected therewith were not only the same with both of those Grand Bodies, but are the same, in spirit at least, now in use.

"The whole war is, in reality, against the name, and has a parallel in the fight of Don Quixote against the wind-mill. The ceremonies mentioned may have been termed 'Passing the Chair' only, by both ancients and moderns. Whilst Webb and others termed these ceremonies the 'Past Master's Degree,' the same may not be material, and certainly would not be with the writer: but the ceremonies are material, and if they were necessary in 1723, and prior thereto, they are equally necessary now, and

the lessons and symbolism connected therewith should be as impressively communicated now as then. That its ritual has been corrupted by farcical interpolations and facetious illustrations does not detract from the beauty of its symbolism; but their elimination is where the war should come in. When similar interpretations occurred in the rituals, of two sections at least, of the Third Degree, and in some others, the efforts of Grand Lodges were directed to their elimination and the simplification of rituals, but not to the wiping out of a grade because ridiculous ceremonies or farcical expressions had been surreptitiously or ignorantly interpolated by either ignorant or designing persons."

M.W. Bro. Leander Burdick (Toledo), G.M.

R.W. Bro. J. H. Bromwell (Cincinnati), G.S.

## OREGON.

39th Communication, Portland, June 12th, 1889.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jacob Meyer, visited 46 lodges, and was prevented from visiting the remainder by an accident. Their so-called new work is a failure, because brethren have no opportunity to learn it. The past year has been one of the most prosperous in their history. They have 78 lodges and 3,544 members, a gain of 45.

A committee was appointed to purchase a site for a Masonic Temple, and to prepare plans for the building.

Bro. S. F. Chadwick reports on Correspondence and notices Canada for 1888, with approval. He has the following on uniformity of work:—

"A large majority of the worshipful members assert that they are competent to confer the degrees, but, at the same time, schools of instruction are called for. 'Uniformity of Work' is one of the lost arts. If the brethren will preserve the features of the work, they will have a picture that none will dispute. This 'revising' work is tedious and unprofitable. There is the Vermont work in the North and Mississippi work in the South. When Grand Master we exemplified our Oregon work in the presence of an aged Mason, who received his degrees in New Orleans forty years before. We did not agree, though the features were all the same. He was old and sensitive, and held us responsible for teaching work that was no work; he called ours 'Morgan' and we, of course, retaliated in the same way. We lived through it. And now, only let it be known at our Grand Lodge that one evening will be devoted to exemplifying the work, and the old heads will become conspicuous for their absence. We were on a committee once to exemplify, but dodged the meeting. For the poor brother who 'filled our bill' we have had a deep sympathy ever since. He finally got away with his coat."

M.W. Bro. Christopher Taylor (Dayton), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Stephen F. Chadwick (Salem), G.S.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

Annual Communication, Philadelphia, December 27, 1889.

M.W. Bro. Clifford P. McCalla, G.M.

Among the distinguished Brethren who died during the year, there are mentioned the names of Samuel Harper and John Thomson. Bro. Thomson died at the age of 91. He was a Mason for 62 years, Grand Treasurer for 11 years, Grand Master for two years and Grand Secretary for 13 years,—a most remarkable record.

The Grand Master made a number of official visitations and delivered a series of addresses, which were certainly unique in their scope and character, and which must have been exceedingly interesting to the Brethren. Their very titles form almost an education in their suggestiveness. Besides the ordinary Masonic topics, we find such subjects as these:—"The teachings of the symbolic paintings of Egyptian hall;" "The Masonic life and character of Bro. Stephen Girard;" "The lessons taught by the paintings of Washington, Franklin, Lafayette and Girard, as types of Masonic faith, works, hope and charity;" "The symbology of the Craft;" "The characteristics of an accomplished Mason;" "The duties and privileges of a Master Mason;" "The old work, usages, customs and landmarks;" "The mystic significance of

triads in Freemasonry ; " " A Brother of the Craft," and " The three-fold relation of a Freemason to the G. A. O. T. U., to the Grand Master, and to the Worshipful Master." Bro. McCalla deserves the thanks of the fraternity for his endeavors to enlarge the Masonic horizon of his hearers, and to show that a host of topics there are in Masonry which can be brought out and discussed with advantage to all.

The principal of the Stephen Girard charity fund is now \$61,200, the income of which is annually appropriated for the relief of poor and respectable Brethren, in accordance with the terms of his will. There is, also, a Grand Lodge charity fund, from which was expended in relief during the year the sum of \$3,425.00, and another noble example has been set by the Grand Treasurer, Bro. Thomas R. Patton, who has donated to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$25,000, as the nucleus of a third charity fund and as a mark of affection to the memory of his wife. The Grand Lodge accepted the donation by the following resolutions :—

" *Resolved*, That the munificent and truly Masonic gift of Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer Thomas R. Patton, just offered to this Grand Lodge, is accepted in the spirit which inspired the donation.

" *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge offers to Brother Patton the testimony of its fraternal appreciation of his noble charity.

" *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge accepts the gift under the special conditions attached thereto, and hereby agrees that a strict construction in carrying out each of the provisions the donor has attached to the donation shall be ever maintained by this Grand Lodge.

" *Resolved*, That this fund shall be known as '*The Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund.*'"

Some of the decisions of Bro. McCalla are worthy of notice :—

" It is not proper for the officers of a Lodge to wear their Jewels or Masonic clothing at the funeral of a deceased brother. 'Masonic dress' is all that is permissible, unless a dispensation be granted by the Grand Master to wear Masonic clothing, and it is not customary to grant such a dispensation.

" A Masonic Hall can only be occupied by Masonic Bodies. The Egyptian Rite of Memphis is not a Masonic Body.

" When a brother who was a Past Master by service in another jurisdiction affiliates with one of our lodges, he is entitled to recognition as a Past Master in the lodge of which he has become a member ; but he does not become thereby a member of Grand Lodge.

" It is not permissible, in accordance with the usages and customs of the Fraternity in this jurisdiction, at the dedication of a Masonic Hall, or constitution of a lodge, to have a ball, or to have a reception or banquet at which the profane may be present.

" No part of the work of Freemasonry is permitted to be written, or printed, or otherwise indicated, and no Masonic officer or brother can use any book or writing which contains, or purports to contain, the work of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, without subjecting himself to a formal charge of unmasonic conduct.

" There is but one authorized form of Masonic work in this jurisdiction, that which is approved and promulgated by the Right Worshipful Grand Master. We have no new work. It is all old work. There is nothing new in Freemasonry.

" No member of a lodge has the right to demand that another member shall either cast a black ball or interpose an oral objection for him. If he wishes either of these done, he must do it himself in open lodge.

" It is improper to give notice of a Masonic funeral by posters in a public place or places."

They have now 387 lodges and 39,735 members, a gain of four lodges and 1,190 members during the year. The total amount received and expended for the relief of the sufferers by the awful calamity at Johnstown was \$49,712.15.

The following constitutional amendment was adopted :—

" **SEC. I.** The Grand Lodge is composed of the Grand and Past Grand Officers, the Masters and Past Masters by one year's service, and Wardens of all lodges lawfully warranted and duly constituted by it, and under its jurisdiction, and the elected representatives of such lodges."

The report on correspondence is extensive, able and elaborate, covering 215 pages. Bro. Richard Vaux, P.M.G., the chairman of the

committee holds very decided opinions and advocates them with earnestness and ability of no ordinary character. He is especially severe on those who do not favor the strictest construction of the rule as to physical disqualifications. He would exclude every candidate who was not "a perfect youth," but we think he does not attach sufficient importance to the words of the ancient charges in the sentence, "having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art."

On the subject of international comity, Bro. Vaux makes a valuable suggestion :—

"In our report for 1888 special notice was taken of a question of serious import which arose between the Grand Lodges of Illinois and Scotland. A person resident in Illinois, but temporarily visiting within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, received the degrees of Freemasonry by a Dispensation granted by the Grand Lodge.

"Without doubt it was within the Masonic power of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to issue a Dispensation to confer the degrees on the applicant.

"The question of the power is not now to be considered. If a foreign Grand Lodge, without any notice to a Grand Lodge of the States of the United States of America, in the jurisdiction of one of which a person resides, and who is visiting within the jurisdiction of such foreign Grand Lodge, can make him a Freemason, it may be that serious injury may be thus inflicted on the Craft in the jurisdiction in which such person has his residence. It might so happen, and has happened, that rejected material of an American jurisdiction has, by a visit within the jurisdiction of a foreign Grand Lodge, received the degrees of Freemasonry, and returned to his place of residence and sought to visit the lodge that rejected him. No notice was given of the application and the action thereon.

"That there are obstacles to the formulation of a method to prevent these evils we well know. Yet it is worthy of the careful consideration of the American Grand Lodges.

"The fraternal comity between Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons ought to be invoked to protect each other from the mischief that might arise from the course now recognized as permissible.

"The fact of a person only temporarily within the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge a king to have conferred on him the degrees of Freemasonry should at least suggest the question if he had ever made application to the Craft at the place of his residence, and why not; and if so, why he did not receive them. There would be little trouble in giving notice to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in the jurisdiction of which this person stated he had his residence.

"Intercommunication between Dublin, Edinburgh, and London and the localities of Grand Lodges in the United States is now so frequent and rapid that notice could be given and replies received before, in common prudence, the time elapsed between presentation of the petition and the conferring the degrees would expire. If special dispensation was asked, that should suggest special inquiry.

"If the several Grand Lodges of the States of the United States would formally and independently address the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, calling attention to this subject, doubtless the fraternal relations existing between the Grand Bodies would cause such an address to be cheerfully considered.

"We think the subject worthy of the thoughtful attention of the American Grand Lodges. If fraternal relations, Masonic comity, respect for the sovereign authority of all the Grand Lodges, and a due regard to the maintenance of harmony throughout the Craft have any influence, they ought practically to maintain the theory."

M.W. Bro. Clifford P. McCalla (Philadelphia), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Michael Nisbet (Philadelphia), G.S.

#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

14th communication, Charlottetown, June 24, 1889.

M.W. Bro. John Yeo, G.M.

Harmony prevails and they have had a slight increase in membership. The Grand Lecturer travelled 647 miles in visiting five lodges. The Grand Lodges of New South Wales and Victoria received recognition. The following resolution was adopted :—

"WHEREAS, M.W. John Yeo has presided over the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island for a period of fourteen years :

"Therefore Resolved, That we do hereby tender the M.W. John Yeo, Past Grand

Master, our heartfelt thanks for the very able manner with which he has presided over our deliberations for so long a time with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity."

M.W. Bro. Neil McKelvie (Summerside), G.M.

R.W. Bro. B. Wilson Higgs (Charlottetown), G.S.

#### QUEBEC.

20th communication, Quebec, January 29, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Isaac H. Stearns, G.M.

The Grand Master opened new lodges at Buckingham and Hemmingford. The reports of the District Deputies show marked progress and a healthy and prosperous condition. The following is the report on the English question:—

"We note with pleasure and satisfaction the efforts made to bring about a peaceful solution of the difficulties between England and Quebec. We feel assured Grand Lodge and its officers will continue to do everything possible to strengthen the hands of our distinguished mediator, M.W. Bro. Walkem, continue to give him our confidence, and trust he may be enabled to bring matters to an honorable, happy and successful issue.

"The correspondence between our Grand Master and M. W. Bro. Walkem, as mediator between England and Quebec, has been laid before us, and fully justifies the action of our Grand Master in withdrawing edicts at Grand Master Walkem's request, thus carrying out in letter as well as in spirit the plain and decided instructions and intentions of Grand Lodge."

Final action on the revision of the Constitution is to be had at the next session.

Bro. E. D. T. Chambers reports on correspondence and reviews Canada for 1889. He thinks that brethren should not be permitted to disclose their ballots even for the detection and punishment of fraud.

M.W. Bro. Isaac H. Stearns (Montreal), G.M.

R.W. Bro. John H. Isaacson (Montreal), G.S.

#### RHODE ISLAND.

At the Semi-annual Communication a proposal to allow members who had obtained the rank of Past Master in another jurisdiction to be eligible to the principal Grand Offices, was voted down by 68 to 32. Another proposal, to make the Deputy Grand Master elective instead of appointive, was indefinitely postponed.

99th Communication, Providence, May 29, 1889.

M.W. Bro. William N. Ackley, G.M.

A committee was appointed to present a plan for the celebration of their one-hundredth anniversary.

M.W. Bro. George H. Kenyon (Providence), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Edwin Baker (Providence), G.S.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA.

A very extraordinary departure from Masonic usage is reported in this jurisdiction. The corner-stone of a hotel was laid by the Grand Master himself with solemn ceremonies, including a benediction by the Grand Chaplain. Surely this is a degradation of masonry.

113th Communication, Charleston, December 10, 1889.

M.W. Bro. R. F. Divver, G.M.

On the state of the craft he says:—

"This has indeed been a busy, but pleasant year to your Grand Master, and I trust a profitable one to the Craft. New and good material is now seeking admission to our lodges. Many of our denitted brethren are returning back into their lodges. Old lodges, whose Charters have been surrendered are asking to be revived and anxious to again take their places in our ranks. Applications for dispensations to form the new lodges have been granted. Our lodges are now demanding a higher standard of morality from the applicant for admission into our Order, and a more consistent walk from those who are already within our fold. Old debts that have been hanging over our Craft for

many years are being reduced. Some enterprising lodges are tearing down their old Halls and building new ones. A spirit of generous rivalry is being stirred up among the Craft, and although some of our lodges have not kept in line and pressed forward in this grand onward march, yet, I must congratulate you on the prosperous condition of the Craft in our jurisdiction."

The Grand Master reports another extraordinary proceeding:—

"It has been brought to my attention, that to a greater or less extent, a custom has obtained in some districts of this jurisdiction of "funeralizing" the dead as it is called, that is, that some time after a Mason has been buried his lodge is summoned, and repair to the closed grave and perform a funeral service. There is no warrant for such a proceeding; and in the opinion of your Grand Master it is not only inconsistent with the beautiful burial service contained in the Ahiman Rezon, or Book of Constitutions, but is almost a travesty of it."

It was very wisely determined that the Grand Lodge could not attend in regalia at the "Jefferson Davis memorial services."

Our proceedings for 1889 receive favorable mention.

M.W. Bro. R. F. Dwyer (Anderson), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Charles Inglesby (Charleston), G.S.

### TENNESSEE.

76th communication, Nashville, January 29, 1890

M.W. Bro. John T. Williamson, G.M.

The returns show a net increase of about 1,000. Five new lodges were formed. On their Masonic home, the Grand Master says:—

"From those who have been most active in raising funds for the building of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home I learn that the committee has on hand, in cash and available means, about ten thousand dollars, and that it will take about eight thousand dollars more to complete the main building. The committee expect to let the contract for the erection of the building in a few days. A full and detailed statement of what has been done will be presented to the Grand Lodge during its present meeting

"Is there a Mason in Tennessee who does not think we should have a home for our destitute widows and orphans? Is there a Mason who would not be proud to see a home erected in our State, as has been and is being done in many other States? One dollar from every Mason in Tennessee would complete the buildings and give us all we want. Brethren, let us take hold of this matter and give it an impulse and support that will make the matter a success at once. We cannot and should not stand back and allow a few men to struggle on with this work. If there is anything in the way of giving it your hearty support, or any objection to the mode of procedure in the matter, make it known, so that your objections can be discussed and met if unsound, or your suggestions adopted if deemed best on proper and thorough consideration."

The eloquence of the managers of the Home in Grand Lodge brought forth contributions and pledges from lodges and individuals to the amount of \$1,586.40.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"*Resolved*,—That all non-affiliated Master Masons who have been duly notified as required by Edict 50, and who shall have failed to pay the dues imposed by said Edict before the close of the present Annual Communication be and they are hereby suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry; the Grand Master and Grand Secretary being hereby authorized and empowered to remit the dues of such non-affiliates as may be shown to be unable to pay the same."

"On motion, it was ordered that the amounts which have or may hereafter be realized on dues from non-affiliates be paid over by the Grand Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Tennessee."

The dispute with Ohio as to the appointment of a Grand Representative remains as in 1889, the committee on Jurisprudence sustaining the position then taken by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

A lodge of sorrow was held in memory of four Past Grand Masters who died in 1889.

M.W. Bro. Benjamin F. Haller (Memphis), G.M.

R.W. Bro. John Frizzell (Nashville), G.S.

## TEXAS.

54th communication, Houston, December 10, 1889.

M. W. Bro. William S. Fly, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is very interesting and instructive. They have had a year of unexampled prosperity, but he finds many of the brethren ignorant of the Ritual and the Jurisprudence, so much so that outside associations have been formed to do what the Grand Lodge should have done. The Grand Master found it necessary to forbid such combinations, believing that the brethren should come to the Grand Lodge and assist in perfecting a system that would be satisfactory to all. On their relations with Mexico, he says:—

"I have during the year received letters from different points on the Rio Grande inquiring if I would grant dispensations for lodges in Mexico, but I have in each instance refused to take any action in the matter. I have visited the borders of Mexico during the past year, and I think it very important that our relations with Mexican Masonry should be defined. We are being brought into cordial and close relations with our neighboring Republic, and nothing would tend to cement the tie between us more than Masonic intercourse. The lodges on the border realize this, and are very anxious that the status of Mexican Masonry be settled by the Grand Lodge of Texas."

The following reports were adopted:—

"1. Perhaps the most important feature of the report is the history of the formation of the 'North Texas Masonic Association,' and the 'East Texas Masonic Association,' and the action of the Grand Master in requiring them to disband. In this connection we beg to say that we have carefully read all the correspondence between the Grand Master and the brethren representing those associations.

"The committee are unanimous in approving the action of the Grand Master. Crediting the brethren who were active in getting up these organizations with none but good motives, they surely committed a grave indiscretion. The Grand Lodge *alone* has power and authority to recognize, establish and disseminate the esoteric work of Ancient Freemasonry. This is an attribute of Grand Lodge power and jurisdiction so far as we know 'the wide world over.' No unauthorised 'association' or 'company' of individual Freemasons is authorized to 'supplement the work of the Grand Lodge.' It is quite unnecessary to attempt a description of the confusion, insubordination and endless discrepancy which would result from such a course.

"By such an unlicensed and irregular course our work would soon be in as bad a condition as human language is said to have been after the confusion of tongues at the tower of Babel.

"We cannot pass from this subject without a word of commendation for the admirable spirit and style of the letters of Bro. Sam. R. Hamilton to the Grand Master. Beyond all question Bro. Hamilton was actuated by true zeal and devotion for Freemasonry. It is quite evident that he is an accomplished Freemason, and a most intelligent gentleman. His idea of organizing lodges of instruction is one which prevails in some jurisdictions, but always, as far as we know, under an express authority and control of the Grand Lodge. There is not time at the present session of the Grand Lodge to mature a plan embodying his idea. If his suggestions can be referred to the Committee on Work or some other committee of this Grand Body, with permission to report at the next Grand Annual Communication, doubtless good might come of them.

"We have no idea that Bro. Grant or any other of the brethren connected with the 'East Texas Masonic Association' at Palestine, intended to disregard the authority of the Grand Lodge. Masonic improvement was no doubt intended by them. It is a matter of regret that Bro. Grant, in his correspondence permitted himself to use some expressions indicating some impatience on his part with the authority of the Grand Master. On a little further reflection he would no doubt have withdrawn them.

"In regard to the matter, we submit the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge fully approves the rulings and action of the Grand Master in regard to the 'North Texas Masonic Association,' and the 'East Texas Masonic Association.'"

"III. We expressly approve the action of the Grand Master in prohibiting the installation of the officers of a lodge on a public occasion when the Odd Fellows were to dedicate a hall. Masonry is an institution with rites and ceremonies and usages peculiarly its own, and ought not to participate in public exhibitions with other associations or societies.

"IV. We cordially approve and commend the course pursued by the Grand Master in the matter of Junction City Lodge, No. —, for having offered a reward for a party charged with having murdered one of its members. As far back as 1853 (see Ruthven's Reprint for that year) a similar publication was made by the Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge. He was at once reproved by M. W. John Sayles, the Grand

Master, and directed to recall the advertisement. When the Grand Lodge met the report and action of Grand Master Sayles was approved, and Subordinate Lodges were specially admonished not to interfere with the regular administration of the laws of the land."

We also quote the action regarding Mexico:—

"Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master appoint some competent brother, whose duty it shall be to investigate the status of Masonry in Mexico, and, if in his opinion it be necessary, to visit that country and make a full report thereon at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

"Resolved, That, for any necessary expense incurred by the brother appointed in discharge of the duty herein imposed, he shall be reimbursed by this Grand Lodge."

In the review of Michigan, Bro. Thomas M. Matthews gives his views on the negro question:—

"Taking this in connection with what we have already copied above from our brother's article on Missouri, we have to say: We do not think that this is any place for the discussion of a political question, but we are free to say that in political matters we are 'not indifferent to color.' As we have and know the black man—the negro—we would not willingly have him placed in a position where he would, or could, rule over us. And place Bro. INNES in our shoes, neither would he. Without canvassing what the future may bring about, *he certainly is not fit to rule.*

"Suppose we were to admit for argument's sake what Bro. INNES says, that *if*—yes *IF*—he came to our lodge-room door regularly and legitimately made, and in every way worthy and well qualified, we might, under Masonic law, have to open the door and let him in. But there's that *if* in the way, a little word, but possessed of a 'mighty' big meaning; but then, are there any regularly constituted or chartered negro lodges? If so, where are they? By *negro* we mean lodges of those who have been slaves, or of their direct descendants. If there are any we certainly do not know, nor have we ever heard of their whereabouts. There are, we have been told, negro lodges here among us—in Texas—but they are clandestine, and won't fill our brother's bill, and their members, of course, cannot gain admittance into our Lodges. The discussion of this question *now*, it seems to us, is premature, and might very profitably be let alone. The regularly made and so *qualified* negro Mason has yet to be made, and what Grand Lodge will first authorize the making? We do not believe it will be done any time soon by any Grand Lodge north of Mason and Dickson's line, and we feel very sure that no one south of it will do so in years, *and years, and years to come—IF EVER*. For our part, we are now done with the question, and let us all so agree."

Our proceedings for 1889 receive favorable mention.

M.W. Bro. A. S. Richardson (Houston), G.M.

R.W. Bro. William F. Swain (Houston), G.S.

## UTAH.

10th Communication, Salt Lake City, January 21st, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Abbot R. Heywood, G.M.

The past year has been signalized by a large "addition of new blood and a quickening of the circulation of the old," giving assurances of a prosperous community. From the very interesting report of the Grand Secretary, we take the following:—

"In Utah almost every other man is a prophet (it is catching, something like La Grippe) and I believe your Grand Secretary is one of the other men. At the beginning of the year I prophesied an upward move in the march of Masonry and it has come to pass. During 1889 we have gained seventeen members. Enough to give encouragement for the future, yet small when taking into consideration the many good American citizens who have for the past two years made our fair Territory their permanent home, and among whom much excellent material can be found for the building of the Masonic edifice. However, a large percentage of these new comers are already Masons. Why not then induce them to visit your lodges, and when visiting make it so pleasant for them that they must consider your lodge the very best in the land, one that will do to stay by. A brother so treated will take a dimitt from the lodge 'he left behind' and affiliate with yours. The Grand Master speaks in his address of and recommends more sociability in our lodges, and correctly so, because it is a part of Masonry and always has been such, the members of our lodges who hold an opinion to the contrary notwithstanding. It is my firm belief that by a proper practice of the social feature of Masonry and by good and perfect work, so that both parts of the inner man would be satisfied, even many brothers who have joined the great army of non-affiliates could be induced to again embrace their first love. Inject these doses in each lodge in the jurisdiction and my word for it the year 1890 will witness

such an increase in work and membership that it will astonish every member on the floor of this Grand Lodge. On the tenth day of February next the body politic, that has for forty years misruled our rich and fair territory and stood in the way of its progress will crumble down. On its ruins the body Masonic ought to erect a temple that will stand till time shall be no more. Brothers, our time has come. Let us be up and doing.

"During the year the little and round black tyrant made its appearance but once in the whole jurisdiction. On the 17th day of this month eighteen years ago (1872) the Grand Lodge of Utah was born and the past year is the only one during which but one applicant was deemed unworthy to enter the tyled door of one of our lodges. It is remarkable and deserves to be noticed in the annals of our proceedings.

"It is pleasing to know that our lodges never forget to offer a part of their plenty on the altar of the Goddess of Charity. They donated for charitable purposes \$738 05, ranging from \$278 offered by Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 2, to \$33 by Corinne Lodge, No. 5."

A resolution that blank ballots should not be counted at elections for Grand Officers, was laid over.

The Grand Secretary presented his 16th annual report on correspondence. It was prepared under depressing circumstances of deep family affliction, and we tender our sympathy. In his review of Montana we find a pleasing intimation of the success of the right. We heartily congratulate our Brethren in Utah:—

"Since writing the above the long looked for tenth of February has come and gone, and brought victory. In the language of Admiral O. H. Perry, 'We have met the enemy, and they are ours.' It was indeed a glorious day, one that will never be forgotten. In the history of Salt Lake City it will be forever a red letter day, a day that will be celebrated by generations to come, because it has loosed the chains and damned church rule. Hereafter the Mormon priests dare not attempt to make laws or construe the laws of the American Government, so that they are against all the teachings of civilization, debasing women and degrading men. Henceforth free men rule this city, and ere long free men will rule the Territory. The cup we have been forced to drink for these many years has been dashed to pieces, and the right has triumphed at last. In the hearts of Gentiles who have waited and watched and worked for this day, the thought that the hard struggle has been won is one of exultation and profound thanksgiving. The Masons of Utah will keep a warm place in their hearts for Bro. Hedges, and those other Masonic writers who had no "awe of courts or kings," and spoke in and out of meeting for the Gentile cause. Long live our Masonic Champions."

Canada, for 1889, has a good notice.

M.W. Bro. Arthur M. Grant (Salt Lake City), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Christopher Diehl (Salt Lake City), G.S.

#### VERMONT.

96th Communication, June 12, 1889.

M.W. Bro. Alfred A. Hall, G.M.

Their usual prosperous record has been preserved. The Grand Master visited all the districts except three, and he is eloquent on the duty and benefit of official inspections:—

"No wiser expenditure of time and money can be made than in bringing the brethren together for work, instruction and social intercourse. I earnestly urge my friends in official stations, if they desire to be strong with the members, to cultivate their acquaintance; inform yourselves upon some subject or subjects of Masonry, and give the brethren who are less informed the benefit of it; it is through their partiality that you receive your honor, and it is your duty in some measure to repay them. Masonic office is no sinecure, and the man who regards it as such is unfit for position. The charge to the brethren at the close of the installation ceremony 'to unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness' should not be forgotten.

"Let Masonic conventions increase; let the social feature of Masonry grow, and let all be characterised by sound instruction and fraternal feeling, and the influence of our noble institution will be strengthened thereby."

Defective binding has caused the omission of 16 pages of this volume.

The thirteen District Deputies (save one), make full reports of the condition of the lodges.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Marsh O. Perkins, P.G.M. Our proceedings of 1888 are favorably mentioned.

M.W. Bro. G. W. Wing (Montpelier), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Lavant M. Read (Bellows Falls), G.S.

## VIRGINIA.

112th Communication, Richmond, December, 10, 1889.

M. W. Bro. R. T. Craighill, G. M.

The Address of the Grand Master bears marks of ability and careful attention to all the duties of his office. He attributes their flourishing condition to the benign and masterly rule of his predecessor; commends very highly their new methodical digest, and urgently recommends no alterations in their law, for some years. Six new lodges were formed.

A pleasant episode is thus narrated:—

"The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, which met in Triennial Conclave in the City of Washington, D. C., on the 8th day of October, 1889, called together an immense concourse of Master Masons from all parts of our country, including visitors from Canada and elsewhere. Matteson Lodge, No. 175, of Joliet, Illinois, filled with the laudable desire of visiting the historic Lodge where George Washington had presided as Worshipful Master, requested of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, the privilege of conferring the Master Mason degree on that classic ground. Being desirous of gratifying the brethren from Illinois, I authorized the Worshipful Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, to open his lodge in due form on the occasion, and permit the officers of the Illinois lodge to confer the degree *in the bosom of his lodge*; which was done, the candidate being an F. C. of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22. I was present myself on the occasion, as was also Most Worshipful J. C. Smith, of Illinois, and many other distinguished brethren from various Grand Jurisdictions. The work was done with great skill, and there were many things suggestive of improvement upon the modes of some of our Virginia workmen.

"In my brief words of welcome to the brethren from Illinois, I called attention to the fact that at the time our first Most Worshipful Grand Master, George Washington, was elected to office, the Masonic jurisdiction of Virginia extended over and embraced the present State of Illinois; so that, in thus visiting us, they did not come as strangers, but rather as children returning to drink of the fountain whence their Fathers' Masonry had originally flowed. The occasion was one of rare enjoyment to me, and was equally so, I trust, to our visiting brethren. Certainly, nothing could have been added to what was done by the brethren of Alexandria to make it so.

As a measure of economy and a saving of \$200, the Finance Committee recommended the omission of the names of members of lodges from the printed proceedings, but the Grand Lodge refused to concur, so the names still appear. The particular usefulness of this practice, which is confined to a few jurisdictions, is not easy to understand.

Resolutions were adopted for the establishment of a Masonic home. Their new Grand Lodge Temple is in progress, and will cost about \$140,000.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. W. F. Drinkard, P. G. M. He believes in the prerogatives of the Grand Master, and says that they find them very useful in Virginia. Canada, for 1889, is noticed. He favors dual membership:—

"The advantage is to the lodge. It enables a lawyer to hold membership in each of several counties in which he practices, and thus to help weak lodges. It enables a brother of any one of ten lodges in this city to serve a second lodge as its Master or in any other capacity, without quitting his mother lodge. Here, where refreshments are served at every meeting, a brother might dislike to visit too often no matter how fond he was of so doing. We have never had any trouble growing out of dual membership, unless we call it trouble to regulate it. We mean that so far as we know no two lodges have ever had a disagreement as to the status of a brother belonging to both lodges."

M. W. Bro. Robert T. Craighill (Lynchburg), G. M.

R. W. Bro. William B. Isaacs (Richmond), G. S.

## WASHINGTON.

32nd Communication, Olympia, June 11th, 1889.

M. W. Bro. Nathan S. Porter, G. M.

The Grand Master visited 19 lodges. They have greater average prosperity than in former years. Five new lodges were formed. The Grand Master decided that a lodge could not raise an English fellow-

craft without a waiver of jurisdiction from the English lodge, although the Secretary of that lodge wrote that the Brother's connection with that lodge had terminated. We think he was too particular. The English lodge do not claim any jurisdiction over the Brother, and why then endeavor to compel them to make such claim?

Bro. Levy Ankeny, P.G.M., presented the Grand Lodge with a new set of collars for the Grand Officers.

The committee on joint occupancy asked for a year's time to investigate the matter.

Bro. Louis Zeigler reports on correspondence. In his notice of Canada, for 1888, he says that "no other Grand Lodge on the continent can show so stout a bank account."

M.W. Bro. William A. Fairweather (Tacoma), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Thomas M. Reed (Olympia), G.S.

### WEST VIRGINIA.

35th Communication, Wheeling, November 12, 1889.

M.W. Bro. Gustav Brown, G.M.

A few of the lodges are waning but the great majority of them are healthy and growing. The book of Masonic Law governing lodges in West Virginia, by Bro. O. S. Long, P.G.M., has been completed in a satisfactory manner and will be of great value to the craft in general. In the Address of the Grand Master we find the following on the question of Perpetual Jurisdiction:—

"Complaint made by Huntington Lodge, No. 53, against Temple Lodge, No. 9, Richmond, Va. That the said lodge had conferred the degree of Masonry on Mr J. B. Haller, who had been rejected twice by Huntington Lodge, without either the knowledge or consent of said lodge. I addressed a letter to M.W. Grand Master of Virginia and informed him of the complaint. In his reply he stated that Temple Lodge, No. 9, was fully informed of the rejection of the petition by No. 53, and satisfactorily informed as to the personal standing of the petitioner before acting upon the petition, and also stated that the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction over a profane is not recognized in the Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia."

The Grand Lecturer recommends a revision of the work:—

"It is well known to the Craft in general that in our unwritten work quite a number of errors in construction, &c., exist, which have been handed down through a long series of years, and which ought to be corrected. Nearly every other jurisdiction in this country has thoroughly revised their work within the last fifteen years, and I think our brethren will fully agree with me that it is high time for West Virginia to at least remove the grammatical errors which at present are quite numerous in our unwritten work."

The craft is certainly well officered. They have eleven District Deputy Grand Masters and eleven District Deputy Grand Lecturers, and most of them make full reports.

Bro. George W. Atkinson reports on the correspondence, and notices Canada for 1889. In his notice of Wyoming, he says:—

"There seems to be great difficulty among our Western sister Grand Lodges in regard to the establishment of a uniform system of work. This difficulty does not exist in the same degree in other sections of the country. Bro. Kuykendall is of opinion that we can never establish and maintain, for any length of time, such a work until all the States agree upon the same system. I am inclined to believe he is right. There is much talk of Masonic congresses for various purposes. If all the Grand Lodges were to send delegates to a particular point for the purpose of adopting a uniform American system of work, it would prove a lasting blessing to Masonry. I believe in Grand Lodge sovereignty, but on this one particular point there is too much of the State sovereignty for the good of the Order. Why not adopt a uniform work? Let some old sage rise and say something, Bro. K., put your back against the wagon, and push."

M.W. Bro. Frank Burt (Mannington), G.M.

R.W. Bro. George W. Atkinson (Wheeling), G.S.

## WISCONSIN.

45th Communication, Milwaukee, June 11, 1889.

M.W. Bro. Myron Reed, G.M.

One of his decisions involves a new point :

"Q. 1. The candidate for third degree having passed through the work of the first section of the degree, has passed the south and west gates and arrived at the east gate in the progress of the work of the second section. At this point he utterly refuses to proceed, and demands to be taken from the lodge, which demand is complied with. What is his Masonic status?"

"2. The candidate, some months later, asking to proceed, does an objection from a brother debar him from being finished up as a M. M.?"

"A. 1. The Masonic status of the candidate is that of a Master Mason, but not with all the rights and privileges appertaining to the degree. He would not have the right to visit the lodge in third degree, because he has not received all the secrets of the degree. His status would be, not altogether, but something like that of a non-affiliated or an excluded Mason. He has the rights of a Mason, except those afforded by the lodge.

He is a Master Mason obligated, and would be liable to discipline for a violation of his obligation. He is a Master Mason without these essential attributes that would confer upon him the rights, privileges and benefits of that degree.

"2. It is the right of the Master to finish up the work commenced upon the application of the candidate, notwithstanding objection from any member of the lodge. The objection is not one that comes within the letter or spirit of Section 7, Article 10, Constitution.

"It is not an objection to advancement, within the meaning of that section any more than it would be in any case where, for any reason the work of conferring the degree had been interrupted, as in case of a sudden sickness.

"The fact is the candidate has been advanced, and the objection comes too late.

"It is the prerogative of every Master, subject to constitutional prohibition or restriction, to finish up any work he may have commenced, so much so as to convene or close his lodge at pleasure, or admit or deny admission to any member. It is one of those powers for which he is only accountable to the Grand Lodge, and then only for abuse thereof."

Bro. Reed also decided that blank ballots should not be counted, in which we think he is right, although our own Grand Lodge has ruled differently :—

"Q. Should blank ballots, cast in a masonic election, be counted or considered as factors in determining the result?"

"A. No. A ballot is a piece of paper containing some kind of writing expressive of the voter's choice in the matter for which the ballot is to be used.

"A piece of blank paper is not a ballot, and should not be counted for any purpose.

"The system of informal ballots is not known in Masonic Lodges in the election of officers, and the person who receives a majority of the ballots cast is elected, that is, a majority of the ballots that in some manner express a choice."

The following will be of interest to a number of lodges in Ontario :—

"Northwestern Lodge, No. 105, Prescott, sent me for my approval, a copy of a by-law, which had been adopted by said lodge, which in effect exempted its members from the payment of lodge dues after they had paid such dues continuously for twenty-five years. I approved the same because there was nothing in our constitution or regulations that seemed to forbid subordinate lodges from passing a by-law of that kind and to that effect. But I entertain serious doubts as to the advisability of any subordinate lodge making an exemption of that kind. It may be desirable and perhaps proper for a lodge in good circumstances to make such concession to an old and faithful member who has met his obligations for many years; but this practice, if it should become general, would sooner or later seriously cripple, if not destroy, the usefulness of many of the lodges adopting this departure from what has long been the established usages of lodges in respect to lodge dues. The principle upon which this idea of exemption is based, it appears to me is extremely fallacious. These dues are to be regarded only as a small contribution, paid at stated times for the privilege of enjoying the benefits of Masonry, and the reason for such payment is as great, if not greater, after paying twenty or twenty-five years than at first. In fact, nine times out of ten, the older members are better able to pay these small contributions than young members who have perhaps just commenced life and have not yet obtained a foot-hold in the struggle for existence.

"Of course, if any member is poor and unable to pay his dues, then his dues ought to be remitted; but it strikes me there should be no distinction between members in regard to any of the duties and obligations resting upon them and especially in regard

to the small contribution for lodge expenses and the relief of a poor distressed brother. I am of the opinion there ought to be some regulation prohibiting the enacting of such by-laws."

The Grand Lodge ruled that it was not advisable to interfere with the right of each lodge to control the dues. The following resolutions were adopted unanimously :—

"*Resolved*, That hereafter no person who is engaged in keeping a saloon or selling intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, shall be initiated into any subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction, nor shall any Mason who is so engaged be received in any lodge by affiliation.

"*Resolved*, That it is hereby made the imperative duty of all lodges in this jurisdiction to exclude from lodge and ante-rooms all intoxicating liquors.

"*Resolved*, That the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors is hereby declared to be a Masonic crime, and it is hereby made the duty of all lodges to restrain the same as far as possible by trial and punishment."

Bro. Duncan McGregor reports on correspondence, and notices Canada for 1888.

M. W. Bro. Myron Reed (Wanpaca), G. M.

R. W. Bro. John W. Laflin (Milwaukee), G. S.

### WYOMING.

15th Communication, Green River, December 3rd, 1889.

M. W. Bro. William Daley, G. M.

Owing to the great dimensions of the territory and the wide distance between the lodges, the Grand Master says that the expense to be incurred in visiting the lodges is too great to be borne at present. There were no grievances or questions of jurisprudence. A new lodge was formed at Rock Springs.

The Grand Secretary has a most excellent report on correspondence, from which we make the following extracts :—

"We are pleased to note his approval of the system which would require a receipt for dues from all visitors desiring to visit a lodge or who seek relief. Our position exactly ; sooner or later some plan will have to be adopted to bar out the frauds, dead beats and impostors. Our views on this subject and remedy for the existing evil of receiving into lodges any and every one demanding and passing an examination finds expression in our former reports. There is virtually no protection against frauds who travel on their cheek. A receipt or some other protective system or plan if adopted would greatly benefit members and lodges. \* \* \*

"He fails to see any danger to Masonry in progression, and we are pleased to hear him say so. The few who cling like the grim tyrant to old obsolete regulations and ideas which, at the present time are about as useful as the fifth wheel to a waggon when the others are all sound and intact, have anchored themselves solidly against everything connected with improvement and progressive ideas in no manner intended to or which can injure Masonry. If we cannot go over a mountain we can go around it, and Masons will continue to do the latter until the mountain of absurd claims and red tape becomes as a mole hill or is entirely obliterated. \* \* \*

"And we here assert that it is supremely ridiculous to hear Masons say, orally or in writing, that they will not profit or learn anything from any other organization ; for instance, admitting that Masonry has certain fixed and unalterable laws, is that any reason that more such laws should be acquiesced in because usage and custom for a time have adopted them, when all the same questions have long since been agreed upon, adopted in the same sense by other organizations and found to work like a charm because they are constitutional landmarks and are more securely fixed and unchangeable than our own. It is an old saying that man never gets too old to learn and men generally admit this, but Masonry seems to be the only thing that has grown too old to learn anything or profit by experience. The fact is, even the school of the latter and the last resort of education is ignored."

M. W. Bro. Leroy S. Barnes (Laramie), G. M.

R. W. Bro. Wm. L. Kuykendall (Cheyenne), G. S.

### CONCLUSION.

We are glad to notice that more attention is being paid every day to the cultivation of Masonic knowledge outside of mere ritualism. The History and Symbolism of our Order contain matters of deep moment

and surpassing interest. Its Rites and Ceremonies mean far more than a careless observer may see.

Masonic History presents a grand exhibition of human nature. The sensations we feel in trying to trace it to its origin are elevated and delightful, and although they may at times be tinged with melancholy reflections, they are constantly rendered sublime by the magnificence of the objects and aims invariably held in view.

Menzel, the German historian, tells us that "the aim of the Masonic Society was the erection of the Invisible Temple of Humanity and its Allegorical Symbols, the Trowel, the Square and the Apron were borrowed from the tools used in common masonry."

The Lodge typifies the World. It is Blue because the sky arches above it. The Mosaic Pavement symbolizes the Lights and Shades of human life. The Three Degrees have been compared to the different stages of the "Pilgrim's Progress." The First degree represents the pilgrim leaving the City of Destruction, the Second degree leads him through the House of the Interpreter, and the Third degree brings him into the full hope of a glorious Resurrection, where his burden falls off and rolls into the sepulchre below. We should then look through the *forms* of masonry to the *substance*, and through the symbols we should contemplate their high and sacred allusions.

Goethe, the Great German poet, the man of large brain and deep feeling, beautifully sets forth the typical character of Masonry:—

"The Masons' ways are a type of existence,  
And his persistence is as the days are  
Of men in this world.

The future hides in it good hap or sorrow,  
We press through it—naught there abides in it  
Daunting us onward.

And solemn before us, veiled, the dark portal,  
Goal of all mortal, stars silent rest o'er us,  
Graves under us silent.

While earnest thou gazest, comes boding of terror,  
Comes phantasm and error, perplexes the bravest,  
With doubt and misgiving.

But heard are the voices, heard are the sages,  
Of the world and the ages. Choose well! Your choice is  
Brief and yet endless.

Here eyes do regard you in eternity's stillness;  
Here is all fullness, ye brave, to reward you;  
Work, and despair not."

All which is fraternally submitted,

HENRY ROBERTSON,

*Chairman.*

Collingwood, Ontario,

July 3rd, 1890.







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